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Opening Remarks

Winner Winner Chicken Dinner...  
Save Us the Left Wing!

We were recently called out on Twitter for being a “liberal left wing” publication, and not by President Trump.

By the way, Trump has lots of Twitter followers but last time I checked, he was only following 45 accounts. For the King of Tweets to not have the courtesy to follow back is absurd and kind of rude. Even Yoko Ono and Barack Obama followed me back.

But enough about politics, let’s talk about religion. Just kidding. Where was I?

Yes, we were called a “liberal left wing” publication, and I’m not sure why. When we expanded *Beachcomber* last fall, we were hoping for more advertising revenue and ended up needing more editorial content. Beachcomber Publisher (among other things) Charles Morgan III wanted Florida writer Carl Hiasen’s column, and since Hiasen wasn’t appearing in the daily newspaper, we jumped on it.

Hiasen often writes about Florida issues, and he writes about President Trump. And not kindly. Occasionally, the man who wrote the source material for Demi Moore’s seminal 1996 film *Striptease* takes a week off, and we run something by one of Hiasen’s fellow Tribune Media Services columnists. They, too, often write unfavorably about Trump.

We have reached out to some of the syndicate’s conservative writers in the name of balance, people like Ann Coulter. But apparently she hates Trump now, too.

Anyway, don’t let the ACLU membership card in my wallet fool you. I believe politicians on both sides should be called out as often as possible. I wrote a blurb for *An Inconvenient Sequel* a few months back and referred to Al Gore as a “windbag.” And nobody tweeted that we were a “conservative right wing” publication.

Some of you guys need to lighten up. If you disagree with any of the (usually well-informed) opinion pieces in *Beachcomber*, send us an **\*\*\*INTELLIGENT\*\*\*** reply and we will do our best to publish it in an upcoming issue.

(Hey, printer, can you put the word “intelligent” in bold, all caps, with stars around it, and maybe some of those animated balloons like the ones that pop up on your smartphone when you post “Congrats” on Facebook? Thanks!)



Good job, Harry T’s on HarborWalk Village! Too bad we saw this after we maxed out on Bimini Bashes at AJ’s.

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## Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

Opinions aside, I hope you enjoy this issue, particularly my glowing review of Senator Al Franken's new book.

- Editor Manson

amazing, and so is the price. Go to Fokkers, and tell 'em Donnie sent ya.

- Don Peckham


Don Peckham is the assistant manager of Fisher House of the Emerald Coast, a wonderful nonprofit organization.

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## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

In last issue's Book Reviews, the review of David Thomson's *Warner Bros* was incorrectly attributed to Marilu Morgan. As our more sharp-eyed readers surely figured out on their own, the piece was penned by *Beachcomber* Contributing Editor Bruce Collier. We apologize for any heartache this unforgivable error might have caused.



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# Harbor Docks Charities Hosts Take-A-Kid-Fishing Day Nov. 5

**Harbor Docks Charities** hosts the **23rd Annual Take-A-Kid-Fishing Day** Sunday, **Nov. 5**. For the last 20 years, many area children have spent a glorious day fishing aboard 57 of Destin's finest charter boats.

There are 300 openings for kids that do not often get the chance to fish in the beautiful waters around Destin, including the Gulf of Mexico and Choctawhatchee Bay. Off-duty policemen and firemen from Destin and Fort Walton Beach, as well as other Harbor Docks Charities volunteers, will serve as chaperones on these professional charter boats.

Reservations (for children ages 7 to 13) for this free fishing trip will be accepted until the slots are filled. To

make a reservation or get additional information, call Jackie or Becky at 850-837-2506, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Preregistration is required.

Reservations will be taken beginning Monday, **Oct. 2**. Call or fax in your reservation, include each child's name and age, along with their parent's name and phone number. For group reservations, Harbor Docks Charities can fax parent release forms upon request, which will need to be completed by the parent of each child participating.

There will be two boarding times, and times will be assigned when reservations are made. The first group of approximately 150 kids will be



signed in at 7 a.m., and the second group will be signed in at 8 a.m..

Everyone will meet downstairs at Harbor Docks in Destin for a breakfast of orange juice and donuts. Boats board at 7:30 a.m. and return at noon. The second group of children will board at 8:30 a.m. and return

at 1 p.m. All children will receive a t-shirt, rod and reel, along with a family fish fry. (Please remember the Daylight Savings time change.)

Teachers interested in volunteering or chaperoning are asked to call Jackie or Becky at 850-837-2506.

- Jackie Tway

# Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation Receives \$15,000 from SoWal Wine and Food Festival

The annual South Walton Beaches Wine and Food Festival donated \$15,000 to Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation (DCWAF) to support 15 children's charities in Northwest Florida. The charity wine festival, founded by Chan Cox of Wine World, designates DCWAF as the sole recipient of the net proceeds of the event. More than 4,000 people attended the 2017 festival.

"Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation was honored to be the benefiting charity of South Walton Beaches Wine and Food Festival," said DCWAF President **John Russell**. "Our partnership with South Walton Beaches Wine and Food Festival has grown over the past years from a business relationship to something resembling a family enterprise."

"The result is a seamless coming together of two great wine events on the same weekend to benefit the children of Northwest Florida. It is an honor and a privilege to work side by side to make a difference for kids who need so much."

\$2.7 million dollars for the charitable organizations to address hunger, homelessness, abuse, and physical and mental disorders for thousands of children in Northwest Florida communities.

The 2017 festival took place this April in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin. More than 800 wines, poured by dozens of noted national and international wine celebrities, highlighted the festival. The Savor South Walton Culinary Village

showcased local chefs and presented sold out tasting seminars.

The 2018 South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival takes place **April 26-29**.

- Stacey Brady



Founding partners and sponsors of South Walton Beaches Wine and Food Festival present a \$15,000 check to Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation to benefit children's charities.

The Destin Charity Wine Auction was held during the festival and raised



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# Hurricanes Bring Certain Uncertainties—Despite Uncertainty

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

**Meteorologists call it** the “cone of uncertainty,” but we civilians have referred to it variously as the cone of doom, the cone of disorder, the cone of prayer or the cone of heavy pharmaceuticals.

It is here in that critical path—anxiously studying our location on each new forecast map—we awaited a monster hurricane.

Irma has kicked Florida’s ass.

This is the deal when you choose to live on basically a sand bar in the tropics. Sooner or later, you’ll get your ass kicked by weather.

When Donna hammered the state in 1960, we huddled inside my parents’ shuttered house and listened to the news on a transistor radio, hoping we wouldn’t run out of batteries.

There was no Weather Channel, no colorful cone to contemplate, no spaghetti models to ponder. The sound of trees snapping is what told us the storm had arrived.

Now, thanks to amazing science, we can start fretting 10 days in advance, as soon as the first unruly cloud creeps off the coast of Africa.

Here’s a line that native Floridians love to hear: “You were born here. You must be used to this.”

Seriously? Nobody ever gets used to it, no matter how many hurricanes they experience. If you’re not worried, you’re a certifiable moron.

The wait is always grinding. The blow is always frightening. The cleanup is always grueling.

If you luck out and the worst of it misses you, that means somebody else got smacked.

Twenty-five years ago, Andrew left a moonscape of destruction in south Miami-Dade. Yet if you drove just 40 miles south, you saw untouched houses where not even the garbage cans got knocked over.

Eleven months ago, Matthew blasted Haiti, killing more than 580 people before steaming toward Florida. Then it randomly sidestepped Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm.

Contrary to the blather of Pat Robertson and other doomsday preachers, hurricanes don’t seek out certain sinners to punish. The atmospheric forces guiding each storm are natural, well-documented and utterly uncontrollable.

The aftermath is the most predictable part of any major hurricane encounter. That’s when people desperately turn to the big, bad, bumbling U.S. government.

It’s happening now in Texas, following the heart-crushing devastation from Hurricane Harvey. Politicians such as Sen. Ted Cruz and Gov. Greg Abbott, who built their careers ranting against the federal bureaucracy, are now singing a different tune: Help!

As of late last week, more than 570,000 Texans had already applied for FEMA grants.

Ironically, the cry for Harvey relief is being led by none other than President Donald Trump, who recently proposed slashing FEMA’s budget by \$600 million.

This is typical blowhard hurricane politics, which is tolerable if the result is getting crucial assistance to the victims.

Cruz’s sneering opposition to the Hurricane Sandy relief package has come back to haunt him. Another hypocrite who voted against the New Jersey aid bill was Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, who, as you might have guessed, has been pleading for federal dollars to help Floridians in Irma’s path.

A path, by the way, that all of us have been able to track thanks to the actual good work of another federal agency. It’s the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

NOAA runs a little outfit called the National Weather Service. Without its planes, satellites and experts, we’d still be following killer storms with pencils and paper hurricane maps.

Instead we can turn on the TV or go online to watch storms approach hour by hour, complete with graphics showing expected storm surges, rainfall potential and wind speed probabilities. The science is literally phenomenal.

Earlier this year, Trump submitted a budget that would cut funding to NOAA by 17 percent. The satellite data division alone would lose \$513 million.

Satellite data is what’s made it possible for us to watch Irma. There’s no doubt Trump himself is watching.

Being a part-time Palm Beach resident with waterfront property, you’d think he would appreciate NOAA’s value, especially during hurricane season.

That cone you see on your high-def TV, Mr. President? It’s way more important than a new border wall.

Ask anyone in Houston, or Miami.

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## Novel Fleshes Out the Human Vulnerabilities of Refugees

By Leonard Pitts Jr., Tribune Content Agency

**“Lord, when did** we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?”

“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’”  
- Matthew 25:44-45

They are the least of these.

They are women without faces, men without voices, children without names. More to the point, they are families without homes, running to escape hunger, war, oppression, and death.

And maybe this would pull at your heartstrings, open up within you that reliably human thing we saw in Houston, where people reached out to the suffering stranger, squeezed tighter in the boat to make room for one more. Except that the people we’re talking about are not from Houston.

They come from different places, speak different languages, sing to another God. And they huddle behind a collective noun: refugee. All of which makes it easier to objectify them, to see them as anonymous and abstract, to subsume their trauma in your unreasoned fears. It makes it easier to support dumb ideas like “extreme vetting.”

Anyone who does could benefit from reading *Refugee*, the new novel by

Alan Gratz. It is a tripartite narrative, stories of escape as experienced by three children in three different eras. In 1939, Josef and his family are running from Nazi Germany and its persecution of the Jews. In 1994, Isabel and her family are fleeing the hunger and repression of the Castro regime. In 2015, Mahmoud and his family are trying to get away from the civil war that has turned Aleppo, Syria, into a wasteland of blasted rubble.

Gratz is a writer of young adult fiction, but there is nothing childish about the ordeals these children face. Captured by the Nazis, Josef must help his mother make an unbearable decision. Capsized in the Mediterranean Sea, Mahmoud must do the unthinkable to save his infant sister. And then, there is Isabel, racing for the bright lights of Miami Beach as a U.S. Coast Guard ship bears down.

Under the immigration policy later dubbed “wet foot-dry foot,” if she and her family and friends are caught before reaching land, they will be sent back to Cuba, but if they make the beach, they can stay. That rule was always controversial. People complained that it discriminated against Haitian refugees, who enjoyed no such favor. Others feared a new influx of refugees would overwhelm Florida’s economy.

But those concerns are far from your mind as the Coast Guard closes in on

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# Afghanistan, 16 Years Later

By Charles Morgan III

In 2001, gasoline cost \$1.45 a gallon and eggs were 90 cents a dozen. Timothy McVeigh was executed for the Oklahoma City bombing. Dale Earnhardt died.

Americans knew nothing about iPhones, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram or Gmail because they hadn't been invented. There was little conversation about same-sex marriage, electric cars or legalized marijuana.

Then there was 9/11. Then there was the United States' invasion of Afghanistan.

Jane, my youngest daughter, was seven years old in 2001. She graduated from college two years ago. Our country has been at war for 70 percent of her life.

The Afghanistan War has lasted longer than the Civil War, WWI and WWII all together.

Over the next 12 nights, Ken Burns is bringing the Vietnam War back to our living rooms. The PBS documentary will be an exhaustive 18-hour history of our involvement in Vietnam. The parallels between that catastrophic experience and the Afghanistan War are going to be remarkably unavoidable.

Sixteen years after we went to war in Afghanistan we are no closer to any kind of victory. We're not at war with Afghanistan—their government is our partner. They are not good partners. It is a government that is not dependable or remotely democratic, and corruption is at the crux of their economic life. We've been funding them with the lives of our soldiers and with trillions of dollars.

In Afghanistan, it's not even a civil war. It's trickier than that. The enemies are a collection of Taliban, Al Qaeda, ISIS, jihadists, numerous tribes and God knows who else. They are hard to identify and difficult to find. They're scattered around Pakistan, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and elsewhere.

Some things are clear. The enemies are fiercely committed warriors who confidently defeated the British and the Russians. They are dedicated to causes for which they are willing to commit suicide. They have been fighting wars for centuries. They are killing our soldiers with weapons we gave them to defeat the Russians. They have an enormous home field advantage.

We've killed many of their fighters. But for every innocent person we've killed (collateral damage), we've created far more enemies—enemies who will have an enduring, passionate hatred for the United States.

Our country is war-weary. Sadly, this volunteer army is largely forgotten. The sacrifices made by our troops and their families are known to all of us. But as long as others are willing to make these sacrifices, the rest of America stays glued to their cell phones.

The Vietnam War had a compulsory draft. That kept the war in our minds and protests in the streets. Much of


the countercultural revolution in the 1960s was due to the war. Knowing that men born between 1944 and 1950 could be forced into military service had a way of capturing people's attention.

Whether it is arguments over the federal budget, climate change, health care policy, same-sex bathrooms, Russia, North Korea, President Trump's tweets, seemingly endless hurricanes or Caitlyn Jenner and the Kardashians, there's not much room for war coverage in the news.

We as a country are weary of war. Once again, old men (most of whom never served in this country's armed forces) are sending youngsters to battle on the other side of the world. The blame can't be laid in political terms on the Democrats or the Republicans. Just as in Vietnam, leaders in both parties are responsible.

One lesson we should have learned by now is to be careful anytime we decide to declare war. If you're keeping score, the War on Poverty and the War on Drugs were not winning efforts. As long as crazed, suicidal humans are committed to strapping bombs to their bodies to blow people up, we're not going to win a War on Terror.


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## Pitts CONTINUED...

Isabel. Having endured a harrowing trip with her on a rickety boat crossing the Florida Straits, you're just pulling for her to make it.

It's not that the political concerns are immaterial or even wrong, but that they tell only part of the story. In *Refugee*, Gratz tells the rest, which is that human beings and human lives get caught in the gears of those politics.

His book is dangerous because, once having lived in Isabel's shoes, in Josef's and Mahmoud's shoes, you will find it that much harder to ever again reduce a refugee's plight to just its policy dimensions. Much less, to your fears. The book demands more. It demands your humanity.

At its best, fiction is a lie that reveals

truth. The truth these pages reveal could not be more timely for a nation arguing over Muslim bans even as Syrian families run for their lives.

That truth is this: What we so readily see as nameless, voiceless, and faceless is really none of those things. It is girls and boys, women and men, people like us, just trying, like us, to navigate safely through this challenging life.

And all they're asking for is a seat in the boat.

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# My Understanding of DACA and Why It Matters

By Chris Leavenworth

**DACA is a** shining example of how ignorant I am about things that don't directly affect me. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals—Obama's policy that protects nearly 800,000 children of unauthorized immigrants in the United States from deportation and has allowed them to work here legally—was rescinded by President Trump and his administration earlier this month.

Without knowing any of the details, the emergence of this news just bounced right off me. I assumed whatever was happening to DACA, it couldn't be good because Trump's pushing for it. I don't make this assumption often with politicians I disagree with, but *anyone* with a meager amount of objectivity can see almost everything Trump does is corrupt, egotistical and/or dangerous.

I simply can't keep up with the hornet's nest of reasons to be outraged, and it has resulted in a

fatigue of news and anxiety. DACA, to me, was just something else I would have to process and make room for to stay current on the growing heap of things that matter.

About a week after having first heard about DACA, I finally reached some idea about what it was, who it affects, and why some Republicans feel like Trump is making the right call.

Here are some of the things I learned.

To apply for DACA status, immigrants had to be younger than 31 on June 15, 2012. They also had to have entered the country before the age of 16. These are young adults who have spent almost, if not entirely, their whole lives in the United States.

Those who favor Trump's motion claim that Obama's policy was unconstitutional due to it being pushed through as an executive order. Their argument is that immigration laws are unconstitutional if not handled directly by Congress. Still, no one seems too concerned that

there's currently no court ruling on the constitutionality of DACA.

If Congress fails to pass a bill in the next six months to protect DACA recipients, there will be at least 788,000 immigrants, authorized to work and residing in the U.S., with statuses set to expire. Mass deportations will force law-abiding, hardworking immigrants to refigure out their whole situations in a country they've never really established themselves in. The loss of DACA workers will reduce the United States GDP by more than \$400 billion.

I've been reassured not to worry, that the benevolent and caring men in Congress will most certainly pass it.

Bearing in mind, the majority support Trump had from Congress and constituents on his disaster of a travel ban, and their utter disregard of the Constitution for the careless executive order...I'm not too hopeful. Remember, kids had their hands zip-tied, and families who lawfully

lived in the U.S. were being detained overnight at airports without any warning upon returning home from a visit to their native countries.

Instead of receiving a fair trial, green card holders were handcuffed, had their social media accounts vetted, and were interrogated on their views of Trump. Still, polls suggest majority support for this executive order just earlier this year. I'm not too optimistic about support for DACA.

I honestly don't know what the Constitution says on making immigration policy. For me, it's not really that important. DACA was the right thing to do. I mainly appreciate the Constitution whenever it comes to protecting individual liberties, something that is threatened by lawmakers constantly.

Pulling the "Constitution card" when it serves an opportunity to possibly rip the rug out from under a large group of people is an obvious misplaced priority of our Constitution.



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# In the Moment—The Art of Joan Vienot

The paintings of local artist **Joan Vienot** will be on display at the Walton County Coastal Branch Library during the month of October. Vienot is passionate about painting *en plein air*, which is painting in open air, outdoors, on scene, directly interpreting her impression of the light on the landscape.

Vienot will be exhibiting works depicting local and regional scenes as well as scenes from her recent travels to Georgia, Montana, Colorado and New Zealand. Many will be plein air paintings, which have the fresh, on-scene essence that is characteristic to paintings done in the moment.

Recent local awards and recognitions include Best in Show at Santa Rosa Arts and Culture Foundation's Bagdad-Milton Plein Air Paint-Out, 2016; People's Choice Best in Show at Local Color Plein Air Festival, Lynn Haven, Florida, 2015; designation as a Florida's Finest en Plein Air Ambassador, Forgotten Coast en Plein Air, Apalachicola, Florida, 2016; and Third Place in the Southeast Regional Juried Art Show

at Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, 2016.

After graduating from the University of Northern Colorado with a B.A. teaching degree in both Fine Arts and Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Vienot taught art and coached girls' swimming and girls' junior varsity basketball at a Colorado high school for three years before moving to Northwest Florida in 1980.

She started a swimming pool service business in South Walton in 1983, growing it to a peak of 330 contracts before selling it in late 2015. She then immediately launched her second career as a fulltime artist. Vienot served on the Board of Directors of the Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County from 2011 to 2017, dedicated to showcasing the works of member artists through exhibits in public spaces in the community. She also serves as Coordinator for the Emerald Coast Plein Air Painters.

This issue's *Beachcomber* cover artist shares her passion for plein air painting by providing demonstrations

and teaching workshops. Vienot will demonstrate plein air painting at the library book sale **Oct. 13**, and she will be teaching at the Arts and Design Society in Fort Walton Beach on **Oct. 21** and for the Cultural Arts Alliance at the Flutterby Festival and Plein Air Event in Watersound Origins in **Nov. 10**.

The Coastal Branch Library is located at 437 Greenway Trail in Santa Rosa Beach. It is open Monday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vienot's work can also be seen on her website, [www.joanvienot.com](http://www.joanvienot.com), and you can follow her on social media at [www.facebook.com/JoanVienotArt](https://www.facebook.com/JoanVienotArt).

- Cheryl Gray



## ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**AMUSE ART STUDIO**, 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Drawing and acrylic classes. Call 850-660-6560 for more info.

**ARTFUL THINGS**, 1087 East John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Call 850-729-2600 for more info.

**Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady**, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. [rosalynogrady.com](http://rosalynogrady.com).

**Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger**, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost for four-week session is \$80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

**ARTISTS AT GULF PLACE**, 40 Town Center Loop, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 850-622-0400 or visit [www.artistsatgulfplace.com](http://www.artistsatgulfplace.com) for more info.

**ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery**, Fort Walton Beach. More info at [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org).

**Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio**, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque and Sherry Cooler** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

**Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12**, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

**Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members).

**Tuesdays. Open Studio**, 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay,

please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

**Thursdays. Watercolor with Pat Farwell**, 9:30 a.m.-noon. For beginners and advanced artists. Bring your own supplies. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members). Supply list available at the ADSO website.

**Fridays. Open Studio**, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

**Sept. 28-30. Golden Acrylics Workshops with Kevin Tobin**, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. FREE demo Thursday, followed by the two-part workshop, print, press and mono-print. Cost is \$145 (\$130 for ADSO members). Golden paints will be provided—check the ADSO website for supply list. Registration must be made in advance.

**EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS**, Destin. Call 850-460-8644 to register for classes, and visit [emeraldcoastartgallery.com](http://emeraldcoastartgallery.com) for more info.

**FULL CIRCLE GALLERY**, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit [fullcirclefwb.com](http://fullcirclefwb.com) for more info.

**Thursdays. Pottery a la Carte**, 6-8 p.m. Cost per session is \$35.

**HERITAGE MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA**, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. Call 850-678-2615 to preregister (required).

**Sept. 30. Kids Basket Weaving**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Children weave a functional basket that will last forever! Recommended for ages 8 to 18. Preregistration required, as space is limited. Cost is \$40 (\$35 for museum members).

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## ART EVENTS

**THROUGH SEPT. 29. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY'S (ADSO) "RUINS" AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**



**First place in ADSO's "Ruins" show went to Rick Otoupalik for his acrylic-on-metal "Steve's Atomic Portal."**

Features work depicting artists' concepts of ruins. For more info, call 850-244-1271 or visit [www.artsdesignsociety.org](http://www.artsdesignsociety.org).

**THROUGH SEPT. 30. ADSO WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**

This month's spotlight shines on **Helen Blair**, who offers a varied selection of pen and ink, oils, acrylic and collage, all with a realistic flavor.

**THROUGH SEPT. 30. CINDI NEWHOUSE EXHIBIT AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH**

The extremely talented Newhouse was featured in the Aug. 24-Sept. 6 *Beachcomber*.

**THROUGH SEPT. 30. KYMBERLY ANNE HOWELL HEARTSONG'S "PHASES OF LIFE" EXHIBIT AT DESTIN LIBRARY**

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**SEPT. 22. GRAND OPENING AT KATHLEEN BROADERICK'S CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY, SANTA ROSA BEACH**

# CHROMA

KATHLEEN BROADERICK STUDIO & GALLERY

View a large selection of Broaderick's original art and check out the studio and upcoming classes while enjoying celebratory drinks and *hors d'oeuvres*. More in this issue's Art Galleries section and at [www.CHROMA30a.com](http://www.CHROMA30a.com).

**OPENS SEPT. 26. NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRI-COUNTY FINE ARTS SHOW AT C.H. "BULL" RIGDON FAIRGROUNDS, FORT WALTON BEACH**

Sponsored by the Arts and Design Society and the Northwest Florida Fair Board, the show runs through **Sept. 30**. Exhibit hours are 5-10 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 2-10 p.m. Saturday. Opening reception Sunday, **Sept. 24**, 2-4 p.m.

Artwork in every medium will be on display. High school and middle school art will be a special feature. Call 850-582-1329 for info.

**SEPT. 27. ADSO LUNCHEON WITH KYMBERLY HEARTSONG AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., join artist and entrepreneur Heartsong, who shares her knowledge about electronic reproduction, copyrights, recommended online companies and more. Cost is \$12 before **Sept. 25**—after that, \$15. RSVP to [adsorsvp@gmail.com](mailto:adsorsvp@gmail.com) or call Risa at 850-376-3901.

**OPENS OCT. 1. ARTIST OF THE MONTH JOAN VIENOT AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH**

The award-winning oil and plein air painter is featured on this issue's cover.

**OPENS OCT. 3. ADSO'S "STEAMPUNK" GALLERY SHOW AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**

The exhibition runs through **Oct. 20** and features artists' interpretations of the Victorian Era with steam-powered and clockwork-inspired technology. Opening reception Friday, **Oct. 6**, 6-8 p.m. For more info, call 850-244-1271 or visit [www.artsdesignsociety.org](http://www.artsdesignsociety.org).

**OCT. 6. FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK AT GULF PLACE, SANTA ROSA BEACH**

Join **Gordie Hinds** and the Artists at Gulf Place from 4 to 7 p.m. for art, refreshments, live music and more. If you're an artist interested in participating, email [delores.tao@gmail.com](mailto:delores.tao@gmail.com).

## ART GALLERIES

**ADARO ART** features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Water-sound, 561-985-5767. Email [adaro.art@gmail.com](mailto:adaro.art@gmail.com) or visit [adaroart.com](http://adaroart.com) for more info.

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# Volunteers... Mattie Kelly's Festival of the Arts Wants YOU!

**Do you have** a heart for art? Then feel free to lend a hand. Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation is seeking volunteers for **The 22nd Annual Festival of the Arts** to be held **Oct. 28 and 29** at the Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village in Destin.

Various shifts are available, including setup (Friday, **Oct. 27**), main entry, artist relief, children's tent and beverage booths, as well as break down and more. All volunteers are welcome to arrive prior to their assigned shifts or after the morning shift to visit the artists and enjoy the festival.

Opportunities are available for students looking to donate time in exchange for community service hours.

One of the Southeast's premier festivals, the Festival of the Arts showcases the original artwork of more than 100 artists from across the U.S. and Europe who will compete for \$10,000 in cash award prizes. Festival features include a food bistro, wine and beer garden, live music, art activities for kids, souvenir posters and t-shirts, art raffle and more. FREE shuttle service and convenient on-site parking are also available. Admission is \$5 for adults and not-yet-members, and FREE for MKAF members and children 12 and under.

To volunteer, contact Festival of the Arts Volunteer Coordinator Kathy Whidden at 850-376-7391 or email [kathy@destinchiropractor.com](mailto:kathy@destinchiropractor.com).

To make a tax-deductible donation or provide a corporate sponsorship, or for more information about the Festival of the Arts, visit [MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org](http://MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org) or call 850-650-2226.



- Zandra Wolfram Ora Wolfram paints a face at the 2016 Festival of the Arts.

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**EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS** features a plethora of one-of-a-kind paintings, handcrafted jewelry, handmade furniture, glass art, prints, home décor and gifts from over 30 local and area artists. Check online at [emeraldcoastartgallery.com](http://emeraldcoastartgallery.com) for classes and workshop schedules. Classes are given by gallery owners **Claire Gagne** and **Jennifer Viaene** and other featured

artists in the gallery. Classes include acrylic painting, watercolor, mosaic glass and shard glass. Come on in and have some fun! Gallery is located in the McGuire's Shopping Plaza in Destin between Boca Boutique and McGuire's Sushi. 850-460-8644.

**FULL CIRCLE GALLERY AND STUDIO** is a contemporary and inspirational art space. We feature the works of regional artists in our gallery and offer an array of art classes with award-winning artists. We also have Paint Your Own Pottery. Come get creative with us! Located at 29B Eglin Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-362-8041. [www.fullcirclefwb.com](http://www.fullcirclefwb.com).

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**HH ARTS** offers works for sale from local artists in all mediums. There are many award-winning artists displayed in oil, acrylic, encaustic, collage, clay, handmade candles, and handmade jewelry designs in glass, leather and Victorian style. Studio space available for

artists at reasonable rates. An outdoor area is also available for plein air painting or classes, with lighting and overhead covering. There will be classes offered for children and adults. Located at 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach (three blocks off 98, across from Troy University). Open Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. For more info, call 850-218-2155 and "like" HH Arts on Facebook.

**MARY HONG GALLERY** Located next to the Shard Shop in the Shops of Grayton. Mary Hong is the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured in over 10 publications, as well as on the Golf Channel's *Morning Drive Show* and *Emeril's Florida* TV show. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at the Shard Shop located adjacent to her gallery. There is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Gallery is open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, noon-5 p.m. 26 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1416. [Mary-HongStudio.com](http://Mary-HongStudio.com).

**MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE** The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville encompass

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## CALL TO ARTISTS

**Arts and Design Society (ADSOS) "Steampunk" Show**, open to all artists in any media, as long as you're interpreting the Victorian Era with "steam-powered and clockwork-inspired technology." Cash awards. Turn-in dates are Saturday, **Sept. 30**, 1-4 p.m., and Monday, **Oct. 2**, 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee is \$35 for two pieces (\$25 for ADSOS members). Entry form and details at [www.artdesignsociety.org](http://www.artdesignsociety.org).



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# Beachcomber Profiles\* — Ted Cobena

**HOME:** Rayne, Louisiana, 14 miles west of Lafayette. Celeste and I moved to Santa Rosa Beach in 1991.

**AGE:** I turned 66 in August. I'm eligible for Social Security now. It's a weird feeling.

**HOBBIES:** Bicycle riding. I have an electric bike that I ride every day. Celeste and I love to snorkel and spend time in the water. In the winter, we ride off road in the forest.

**RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** I moved my recording equipment and enclosed the back porch, expanded my recording studio. We did Max McCann's CD there (*30A Amigos*), I'm working with Roy Brown now, and I have some smaller projects going on. It's a much bigger room with modern equipment.

In late August, I released a new album, *Deep Space*, available from CD Baby, iTunes and Amazon. Late one night on a TV news program, one of the guests said, "So what if we destroy the planet? We can leave the earth." What a bizarre thought. That was the inspiration for *Deep Space*. I started writing songs with a lot of emotion behind them. It's an all-instrumental album, so the trick was to make the music very emotional.

There's a lot of tension in some of the songs, and some of the songs are very laid back and relaxing—like being weightless in space. I wanted a lot of push and pull in the songs.



Beachcomber Music Award winning drummer Ted Cobena and other legends at Redd's Fueling Station in Blue Mountain Beach. Photo by Chris Manson.

Max McCann played guitar on most of the songs. His playing is stellar... sorry. Unintended!

**PROFILE:** I was working a desk job in the early '70s, and a friend wanted to start a band. He had a lot of original songs, so I thought he could make a career of it. I was in several bands in Louisiana that played originals. The most important was Bas Clas, who I joined in 1979. The Picou

brothers formed the band, and we're still together. In fact, I just listened to them on a Lafayette radio station this morning. We were inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame in 2013, and we're working on our fourth studio album now.

**QUOTE:** "Enjoy but don't destroy." – Celeste Cobena

**FAVORITE MAGAZINE:** *Beachcomber!*

\* Inspired by the late, great Creem magazine.

## From the Heart – Dan Collins

Beachcomber Music Award winner (among other things) **Dan Collins** writes:

On Wednesday, August 30, while dropping my son off at Destin Elementary School, my heart stopped beating. We later found out that I have a genetic condition that caused the electrical impulses in my heart to misfire, sending me into cardiac arrest.

I don't remember driving my son to school that morning, but I am thankful to everyone that jumped into action—from parents in the school line who started CPR and got my son out of the car, to Officer Sonya Sheppard at Destin Elementary and the first responders that were all over it.

I received great treatment at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center. After spending many hours in the ICU, I am grateful to have pulled through. All the prayers, good thoughts, visits, and messages of hope and help pushed it over the top for me.

I really do have a great group of friends and co-workers, and a wonderful community. You have been there for me and my family—not only in this hard time, but financially, as medical bills and time off from work add up every single day.

Special thanks to my wife Cayce, who has been there by my side every step of this journey.

### UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

#### SEPT. 22

Black Country Communion, *BCCIV*  
Cut Copy, *Haiku from Zero*  
Fergie, *Double Dutchess*  
Flamin' Groovies, *Fantastic Plastic*  
Gaither Vocal Band, *We Have This Moment*  
Chris Hillman, *Bidin' My Time*  
The Horrors, *V*  
Chris Janson, *Everybody*  
The Killers, *Wonderful Wonderful*  
Ted Leo, *The Hanged Man*  
Macklemore, *Gemini*  
Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers, *The Long-Awaited Album*  
Mastodon, *Cold Dark Place* (Also on Vinyl)  
Christian McBride Big Band, *Bringin' It*  
Van Morrison, *Roll with the Punches* (Also on Vinyl)  
The Len Price 3, *Kentish Longtails*  
Josh Ritter, *Gathering*  
The Rolling Stones, *Their Satanic Majesties Request (50th Anniversary Edition)* (Also on Vinyl)  
Kermit Ruffins/Irvin Mayfield, *A Beautiful World*  
Stephen Stills & Judy Collins, *Everybody Knows*  
Brian Wilson, *Playback: The Brian Wilson Anthology* (Also on Vinyl)

#### SEPT. 29

Herb Alpert, *The Christmas Wish*. Too soon!  
Black Stone Cherry, *Black to Blues*  
Belinda Carlisle, *Wilder Shores*  
Tommy Castro & the Painkillers, *Stompin' Ground*. Guests on the "hard-grooving house rockers'" (AllMusic.com) new Alligator Records release include Charlie Musselwhite and Los Lobos' David Hidalgo. Also available on vinyl.  
Miley Cyrus, *Younger Now*  
Ramin Djawadi, *Game of Thrones: Music from the HBO Series Season 7*  
David Gilmour, *Live at Pompeii* (Also on Vinyl, DVD/Blu-ray)  
Demi Lovato, *Tell Me You Love Me*  
Ronnie Montrose, *10x10*. Featuring Ricky Phillips, Eric Singer, Sammy Hagar, Steve Lukather and more.  
Anne Murray, *The Ultimate Collection*. Screw you, she's great.  
Pearl Jam, *Let's Play Two: Pearl Jam Live at Wrigley Field* (Also on Vinyl)  
Protomartyr, *Relatives in Descent*  
Chris Rea, *Road Songs for Lovers*  
Shania Twain, *Now*  
Kamasi Washington, *Harmony of Difference*  
Lucinda Williams, *This Sweet Old World* (Also on Vinyl)

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# Studio Amped

## Season 10 – Boukou Groove, Graytones, Jimmy Lumpkin and More

Season 10 of WSRE's *StudioAmped* music series will be recorded over nine nights, **Oct. 6–19**, and local music fans are invited to be part of the live studio audience. Shows begin at 7 p.m. in the Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio in Pensacola. Doors open at 6. Admission is FREE, and donations for Manna Food Pantries will be collected.

First on the schedule is the annual Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival Special Friday, **Oct. 6**, with Nashville's **Alissa Moreno, Bridgette Tatum** and **Amanda Colleen Williams**.

The rest of the *StudioAmped* Season 10 lineup is as follows:

**MONDAY, OCT. 9**  
**Johnny Hayes & The Loveseats**  
Mobile, AL  
[johnnyandtheloveseats.com](http://johnnyandtheloveseats.com)

**TUESDAY, OCT. 10**  
**Jimmy Lumpkin & the Revival**  
Fairhope, AL

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11**  
**The Underhill Family Orchestra**  
Mobile, AL  
[soundcloud.com/underhillfamilyorchestra](http://soundcloud.com/underhillfamilyorchestra)

**THURSDAY, OCT. 12**  
**The Pendletons**  
Pensacola  
[dewpendletonmusic.com](http://dewpendletonmusic.com)

**MONDAY, OCT. 16**  
**Boukou Groove**  
Destin/New Orleans  
[boukougroove.com](http://boukougroove.com)

**TUESDAY, OCT. 17**  
**Sugarcane Jane**  
Nashville/Loxley, AL  
[sugarcanejane.com](http://sugarcanejane.com)

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18**  
**The Graytones**  
Grayton Beach  
[thegraytonesband.wixsite.com](http://thegraytonesband.wixsite.com)

**THURSDAY, OCT. 19**  
**Solomon Bozeman**  
Pensacola  
[reverbnation.com/solomonbozeman](http://reverbnation.com/solomonbozeman)

WSRE created *StudioAmped* to produce a quality program that showcases original music. "Most of the bands are working on or releasing new albums," says Executive Producer **Bill Harrell**. "We've got Johnny Hayes, who appeared on *The Voice* this year, and two bands from the new Skate Mountain Records label in Fairhope—Jimmy Lumpkin and the Revival and the Underhill Family Orchestra.

"Two of our most popular groups from years past—Boukou Groove and Sugarcane Jane—are coming back to perform their brand new albums. We'll also have an evening of gospel music featuring internationally known singer-songwriter Solomon Bozeman. This will be the first time we've had gospel music on the show."

Harrell suggests visiting the bands' websites and streaming their songs before attending the show tapings.

"This is a different experience than seeing these bands perform at local clubs," he says. "They are recording an hour-long concert that will last forever online. It's a great opportunity to get their music heard, and they draw positive energy from the audience, which makes for a great show."

*StudioAmped* airs on WSRE Thursdays at 9 p.m. followed at 10 by the award-winning public television staple *Austin City Limits*, the longest-running music program on television. Encore presentations of *StudioAmped* air Wednesdays at 10 p.m., and past episodes can be viewed online at [wsre.org/studioamped](http://wsre.org/studioamped) and on WSRE's YouTube channel.

- Mary Riker

## Music > Beachcomber's Record Roundup

Musicians - send your CDs, vinyl and/or cassettes to Beachcomber, P.O. Box 5707, Destin, FL 32540-5707. Email MP3s and streaming links to [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com).

**Gregg Allman**  
*Southern Blood*  
Rounder



The Allman Brothers are my favorite American band. Play any Allmans song—three bars and you always know. Time and substances whittled away at the personnel over the years, and this May saw the demise of brother Gregg. The 12 tracks on his *Southern Blood* have prescient themes—retrospection, regret, orneriness, and a touch of peace. There's stuff by Bob Dylan, Jackson Browne and Willie Dixon, whose "I Love the Life I Live" gets two takes, one live. "I hope you're haunted by the music of my soul when I'm gone," says one song. Damn straight, Gregg.

- Bruce Collier

**The Handsome Scoundrels**  
*Thick Cuts*  
OUTLOUD!



Mobile-based band dubs themselves "pop-punk," but they have more in common with the underground originators than most who claim the pop-punk moniker. The six-track EP ranges from a tongue-in-cheek love song to a reminder that the punk scene is about more than appearances. *Thick Cuts* nicely embodies the heart of pop-punk—it's fun, poignant and lively.

- Nikki Hedrick

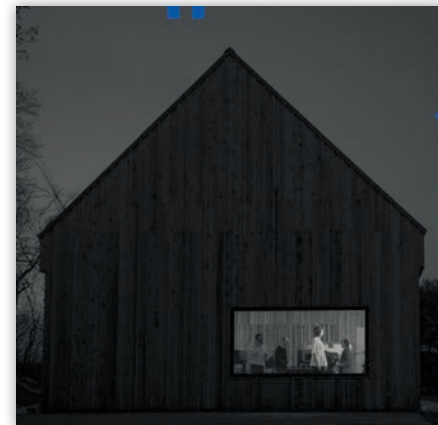
**LCD Soundsystem**  
*New American Dream*  
DFA Records



LCD Soundsystem is back. And big, bumping well-known artists like Kendrick Lamar to take the top spot on the *Billboard* 200 chart. Though their new album seems less playful than their earlier works, it has been seven whole years since their last release, and six since LCD mastermind James Murphy announced his retirement. That said, this is a much better than expected album of the newly-reunited band, filled with the signature electronica sound that has earned them a devoted fan base. It's a good album—one that not only will please loyal followers, but can hold its own in a music scene now brimming with a growing number of edgy new artists.

- Joni Williams

**The National**  
*Sleep Well Beast*  
4AD



*Sleep Well Beast*, the seventh album from the National, is their most chaotic and haunting work yet. The concerns of the band have shifted, and this album is a testament to what it's like to get older. The music itself feels darker but as intoxicating as ever, pulling you into their disjointed rhythms, surrounded by Matt Berninger's heavy, emotive voice.

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With this album, the National find the space in between full-blown cynicism and glamorization of troubles—honesty. They are supremely honest to the overwhelming challenges of relating to people and finding joy. They are doing the work of making music about the magnitude of simply continuing on in the face of unrelieved longing.

- Jane Morgan

## Christina Pluhar & L'Arpeggiata

*Handel Goes Wild*

Erato



Pluhar and L'Arpeggiata have previously had their way with Purcell, Monteverdi and other composers. Now Georg Friedrich Handel takes his turn. The 15-track album is a jazz and world

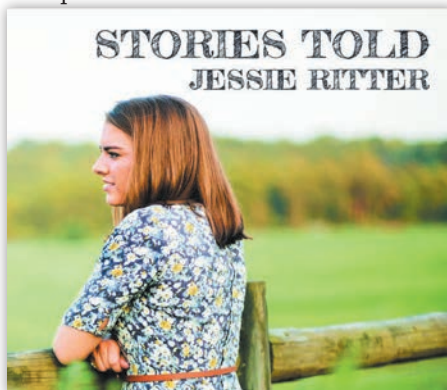
music "reimagining" of assorted works and excerpts by the German baroque maestro. The result sometimes comes off like Professor Peter Schickele's "P.D.Q. Bach," but at times it can be dazzling. Who'd have thought how natural Handel sounds played on a klezmer-like clarinet (think "Fiddler on the Roof")? Or how effortlessly he folds into an Afro-Cuban beat, sounding like a combination of "The Peanut Vendor" and a New Orleans second-line band?

- Bruce Collier

## Jessie Ritter

*Stories Told*

Independent



The young songstress is now calling our little corner of Florida home. Judging by her EP, she'll be more than

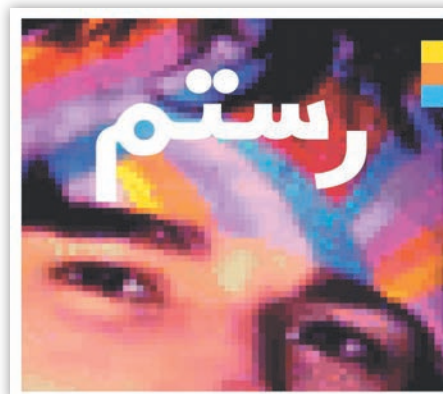
welcome with her twangy southern vocals wrapped in sweet tea, honey and country sophistication. Standouts include the boot stomping "Gypsy River," with its bayou soul-inspired chorus and electrifying dramatic rise. Welcome to Beachcomberland, Jessie—hope to hear more music from you soon.

- Nikki Hedrick

## Rostam

*Half-Light*

Nonesuch



*Half-Light* is Rostam Batmanglij's first solo album since his split from Vampire Weekend last year, and it feels good to hear what the immensely talented producer and musician—who has been the force behind some of the biggest recent pop songs and one of the defining contemporary indie rock bands—sounds like without constrictions. The album is full of Rostam's signatures, as he sweetly sings about relationships and his identity as a gay Iranian-American over quietly enchanting string-and-synth-heavy beats that often feel like anthems or chants. With some of his most stunning and engrossing work to date, *Half-Light* proves that Batmanglij is a force on his own.

- Jane Morgan

## Stuck in Place

*Stuck in Place*

Independent



The Panama City indie-rock band is back with an album that shines a light on personal introspection and the unstable nature of human relationships. This time, they tinker with some pop-rock sensibilities and a few anthemic hooks to further evolve

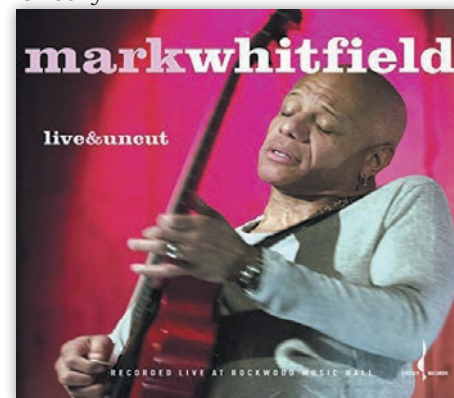
their sound into the realm of alt-rock. With a polished production and desire for growth, these musicians are anything but stuck in place.

- Nikki Hedrick

## Mark Whitfield

*Live & Uncut*

Chesky



Jazz guitarist Whitfield recorded *Live & Uncut* at Rockwood Music Hall in Manhattan, accompanied by Billy Drummond (drums) and Ben Allison (bass). Whitfield's resume includes Dizzy Gillespie, Herbie Hancock, Branford Marsalis, and other jazz royalty. The six-track album starts out mellow and bouncy, then quickly gains force. The influence of his former teacher George Benson can be heard, but Whitfield seems to favor a more aggressive, stripped-down style. His sure-handed playing exudes pure confidence, but it's more sparing on the pretty embellishments. Whitfield seems happy to make his audience feel good, but he's gonna play what he wants regardless.

- Bruce Collier

## Gentle Giants: Songs of Don Williams

Slate Creek Records



Excellent assortment of alt (Isbell and Shires, Stapleton, Brandy Clark) and mainstream (Dierks Bentley, Lady Antebellum) artists, honoring one of country music's greatest voices—and, in turn, the great songwriter Bob McDill, who penned many of Williams' best. Sadly, Garth Brooks' contribution ("Good Old Boys Like Me") is not included on the digital and streaming versions.

- Chris Manson



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# Live Music

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## THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

**AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.

**AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, [ALsBeachClub.com](http://ALsBeachClub.com)**  
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 p.m.

**BELLA SERA, HarborWalk Village**  
NATHAN FIFE, 6-9 p.m.

**BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.

**CAMILLE'S, Destin, [CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com](http://CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com)**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, [captdavesonthegulf.com](http://captdavesonthegulf.com)**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

**DUCK DUCK, Destin**  
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 10 p.m.

**FUDPUCKER'S, Okaloosa Island, [Fudpucker.com](http://Fudpucker.com)**  
DOWNBEAT JAZZ ORCHESTRA, 7 p.m.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

**GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach**  
GYPSY ELISE & THE ROYAL BLUES, 9 p.m.

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
DAN HALL, 4-7 p.m.

**GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CASEY KEARNEY, 5 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-10 p.m.

**LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.  
*Ladies Night*

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, [lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)**  
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 p.m.

**MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin, [MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org](http://MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org)**  
LUKE LANGFORD BAND, 7-9 p.m. (\$10)  
*Concerts in the Village, Fall Edition*

**MCGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.  
CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.

**OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach**  
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

**THE OTHER END, Destin**  
MARVIN HOLDMAN, 6-9 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

**STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
THE STEENOS, 6-9 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**30AVENUE, Inlet Beach**  
YAMADEO, 6-9 p.m.  
*Music on the Green*

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

**AJ'S, Destin**  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.

**AJ'S, Grayton Beach**  
NAKD, 10 p.m.

**AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, [ALsBeachClub.com](http://ALsBeachClub.com)**  
DAVID RUEVE AND THE GET DOWN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**BELLA SERA, HarborWalk Village**  
NATHAN FIFE, 6-9 p.m.

**THE BOATHOUSE LANDING, Valparaiso**  
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.

**BUD & ALLEY'S, Seaside**  
HERITAGE, 6 p.m.

**CAMILLE'S, Destin, [CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com](http://CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com)**  
TONI DRAGO, 3-5 p.m.

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, [captdavesonthegulf.com](http://captdavesonthegulf.com)**  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

**DUCK DUCK, Destin**  
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 10 p.m.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
BRYAN LEE, 9 p.m.

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BRUCE SALMON, 4-7 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
JIM COUCH, 6-10 p.m.  
THE RHINO JOCKIES, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

**JUANA'S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach**  
MARSHA MARSHA MARSHA, 9 p.m.

**KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach**  
OCEAN DISCO, 9 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, [lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)**  
COCONUT RADIO, 5 p.m.

**MCGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 8 p.m.-Midnight  
YAMADEO, 9 p.m.

**MODICA MARKET, Seaside**  
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

**MS. NEWBY'S THE OFFICE, Panama City Beach**  
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.

**OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach**  
BOUKOU GROOVE, 9 p.m.

**THE OTHER END, Destin**  
SETH GALLOWAY & BO ADAMS, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

**THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.



**PROPS BREWERY, Fort Walton Beach**  
NIK FLAGSTAR AND HIS DIRTY MANGY DOGS – STRANGE TANG, 7 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
MAX McCANN AND 30A AMIGOS, 6:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

**STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
TK BARDWELL, 6-9 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
Friday Night Originals, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

**AJ’S, Grayton Beach**  
NAKD, 9 p.m.

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
FLASH FLOOD, 6:30-10:30 p.m.

**AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com**  
DAVID RUEVE AND THE GET DOWN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**BELLA SERA, HarborWalk Village**  
NATHAN FIFE, 6-9 p.m.

**BEST WESTERN, Okaloosa Island**  
DIKI ROSS, 1 p.m. (Poolside)

**BORAGO, Santa Rosa Beach**  
DANNI COYOTE, 6 p.m.

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
ACTION DOUG, 3-5 p.m.

**CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach**  
MARI GLEASON, 1 p.m.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
MOSE WILSON AND THE DELTA TWANG, 9 p.m.

**HOOK’D AT THE PIER, Panama City Beach**  
BOB CUSHING, 3 p.m.

**JUANA’S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach**  
GUSSIE, 5 p.m.  
MARSHA MARSHA MARSHA, 9 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
WEBB DALTON, 5 p.m.

**McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**MOSEY’S, Panama City**  
GILEAH TAYLOR, 7 p.m.

**OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach**  
STEVE RUTLEDGE, 8 p.m.

**THE OTHER END, Destin**  
ROB ROMANS, 6-9 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
Special ACT4MURDER Performance, 6:30 p.m.  
*Make your reservations at act4murder.com.*

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

**STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BLUE LEW, 6-9 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com**  
SCOTT ROCKWOOD, 6 p.m.  
*September Saturdays*

**WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach**  
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m. (Sandollar Lounge)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

**AJ’S, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 4-8 p.m.

**AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com**  
JAMAH TERRY, 5-9 p.m.

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village**  
BT TURNER, 1 p.m.

**FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach**  
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Freeport**  
ANNETTE HERNDON, 11 a.m.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 7 p.m.

**THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3-6 p.m.

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin**  
COLE JORDAN, 6-10 p.m.

**JUANA’S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach**  
COCONUT RADIO, 3 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.

**McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
BOB CUSHING, 11 a.m.  
ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.

**THE OTHER END, Destin**  
DINO LOURDI, 5-8 p.m.

**POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach**  
BOBBYD, 2-5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

**THE REP THEATRE, Seaside, LoveTheREP.com**  
DAN NAVARRO, 7:30 p.m. (\$25)

**SEAGAR’S, Sandestin**  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

**STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BILL GARRETT, 6-9 p.m.

**STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach**  
THE STEENOS, 11 a.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BILL GARRETT – “SMILIN’” FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
KEVIN CARSON, 3-5 p.m.

**THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach**  
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

**GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach**  
ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin**  
JASON FINDLEY, 6-10 p.m.  
*Cat Shirt Monday*

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.

**POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 2-5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.

**SEAGAR’S, Sandestin**  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

**STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
JOHN HOORMANN, 6-9 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

**BELLA SERA, HarborWalk Village**  
DIKI ROSS, 6-9 p.m.

**BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton**  
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

**BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6 p.m.

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.

**CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

**EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach**  
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin**  
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 p.m.

**POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach**  
DIKI ROSS, 2-5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**SEAGAR’S, Sandestin**  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

**STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BO ADAMS, 6-9 p.m.  
*Taco Tuesday*

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com**  
Vocal Pop Concert with Students of ALISSA STEFFENS Vocal Academy, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9 p.m.

**AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

**BELLA SERA, HarborWalk Village**  
DIKI ROSS, 6-9 p.m.

**BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton**  
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

**BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.

**CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

**EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach**  
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

**FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666**  
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
NIC TURNER, 4-7 p.m.

**HELEN BACK, Navarre**  
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 9 p.m.

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin**  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.

**HOLY NAME OF JESUS, Niceville**  
OUT OF DARKNESS, 6 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
JUSTIN YAWN, 6 p.m.

**OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach**  
EMERALD GOLD, 7 p.m.

**THE OTHER END, Destin**  
ROB ROMANS, 6-9 p.m.

**POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach**  
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic, 7-10 p.m.

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

**STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
NEIL SEBREE, 6-9 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com**  
COURTYARD SAINTS, 7-9 p.m.  
*Wednesday Night Concert Series*

Live Music

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

- AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.
- AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.
- AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com**  
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 p.m.
- BELLA SERA, HarborWalk Village**  
NATHAN FIFE, 6-9 p.m.
- BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.
- CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.
- CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.
- EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach**  
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.
- FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.
- GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
MAX McCANN, 4-7 p.m.
- HENDERSON INN, Destin**  
CHERI SALVETTI, 6 p.m.
- HOG’S BREATH, Destin**  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 p.m.
- THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach**  
HERITAGE, 7 p.m.
- LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.  
*Ladies Night*
- LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
ADAM HOLT, 5 p.m.
- MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin, MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org**  
DEJA VU, 7-9 p.m. (\$10)  
*Concerts in the Village, Fall Edition*
- OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach**  
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- THE OTHER END, Destin**  
MARVIN HOLDMAN, 6-9 p.m.
- THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
- REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.
- RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)
- STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
THE STEENOS, 6-9 p.m.
- SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight
- 30AVENUE, Inlet Beach**  
IN BUSINESS, 6-9 p.m.  
*Music on the Green brings the New Orleans funk.*
- FRIDAY, SEPT. 29**
- AJ’S, Destin**  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.
- BELLA SERA, HarborWalk Village**  
NATHAN FIFE, 6-9 p.m.

- BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.
- CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
TONI DRAGO, 3-5 p.m.
- CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com**  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.
- COUNTY LINE PIZZA, Fort Walton Beach**  
BOB CUSHING, 9 p.m.
- FUDPUCKER’S, Destin**  
KICKSTAND JENNY, 9 p.m.
- FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 p.m.
- GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
TANNER GRAY, 4-7 p.m.
- HOG’S BREATH, Destin**  
JIM COUCH, 6-10 p.m.  
BOUKOU GROOVE, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
- LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
HUNDRED DOLLAR CAR, 5 p.m.
- McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
YAMADEO, 9 p.m.
- MODICA MARKET, Seaside**  
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.
- OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach**  
STEVE RUTLEDGE, 8 p.m.
- THE OTHER END, Destin**  
SETH GALLOWAY & BO ADAMS, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.
- REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
SPANISH FLY, 6:30-10 p.m.
- THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
- RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)
- STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
TK BARDWELL, 6-9 p.m.
- STRIPES, Navarre**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-9 p.m.
- SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight
- 30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.
- THE 30A STORE, Seagrove Beach**  
CASEY KEARNEY, 6 p.m.
- THE TIPSYPIG, Fort Walton Beach**  
ATREU EIGHT FIFTY, 10 p.m.
- WORLD OF BEER, Destin**  
HERITAGE, 8 p.m.
- SATURDAY, SEPT. 30**
- AJ’S, Grayton Beach**  
GENTLEMAN ZERO, 9 p.m.
- AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com**  
DJ ROUECHE, 8 p.m.-Midnight
- BELLA SERA, HarborWalk Village**  
NATHAN FIFE, 6-9 p.m.

Live Music Review

The Red Bar Jazz Band

The Red Bar, Grayton Beach

They are more than a jazz band. They are a local institution. In the glow of signature red lights, as unloaded herds of hungry patrons shuttle in, the Grayton Beach mainstay makes every occasion feel like a special one.

Fans of all ages, from hypnotized toddlers to hypnotized wine aficionados, claimed the limited seating directly in front of the band—sometimes managing to fit two in a chair. Over the murmur of the dinner crowd, the band played a mix of artistic jazz and upbeat soul.

Featuring **Robert Orr** (guitar and vocals), **Larry Payne** (bass and vocals), **Wayne Burkholder** (guitar and vocals), and **Jabo Starks** (drums and vocals), the Red Bar Jazz Band makes intricate, flawless runs look easy. They are a well-loved and well-oiled machine, trading solos while knowing how to keep the audience dialed in. A song full of funky runs and nimble-fingered guitar work might be followed by “The Thrill is Gone” or “Blackbird.” It’s an artful mix that gets progressively funkier as the night unfolds.

The two ladies seated to my right seemed to be disappointed when their table was ready, not really wanting to move away from the band. The common request at the hostess booth was to be seated within earshot of the music, and the Red Bar obliged as best they could.

While the waiters shuffled the signature chalkboard menus between tables, everything about the night felt like a well-orchestrated dance. On this particular night, the dance included Jabo and Beachcomber Music Award winning drummer **John Reinlie** alternating sets.

Perhaps the scene stealer of the night was Reinlie’s daughter Rudy, who lit up every time she caught a glimpse of her dad behind the drum kit.

The Red Bar Jazz Band plays Tuesday through Saturday nights at the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.  
- Nikki Hedrick

RIGHT: The legendary Jabo Starks.



Beachcomber Music Award winner John Reinlie.

Live Music

<b>BEST WESTERN, Okaloosa Island</b> DIKI ROSS, 1 p.m. (Poolside)
<b>BRIC A BRAC, Destin</b> COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.
<b>CAMILLE’S, Destin,</b> <b>CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com</b> ACTION DOUG, 3-5 p.m.
<b>CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach</b> MARI GLEASON, 1 p.m.
<b>COUNTY LINE PIZZA, Fort Walton Beach</b> ADAM KELLUM, 8 p.m.
<b>FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,</b> <b>850-424-6650</b> BISCUIT MILLER AND THE MIX, 9 p.m.
<b>GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach</b> SEAN PATRICK AND THE NEWGRASS REVOLUTION, 9 p.m.
<b>HAMMERHEAD’S, Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin</b> BOB CUSHING, Noon
<b>LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,</b> <b>lulubuffett.com/destin</b> HUNDRED DOLLAR CAR, 6 p.m.
<b>OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach</b> STEVE RUTLEDGE, 8 p.m.
<b>THE OTHER END, Destin</b> ROB ROMANS, 6-9 p.m.
<b>THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,</b> <b>850-231-1008</b> RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
<b>REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach</b> REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.
<b>RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin</b> MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)
<b>STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach</b> BLUE LEW, 6-9 p.m.
<b>SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island</b> CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight
<b>THE TIPSYPIG, Fort Walton Beach</b> OCEAN DISCO, 9 p.m.

<b>VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com</b> DONNIE SUNDAL, 6 p.m. <i>September Saturdays</i>
<b>WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach</b> BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m. (Sandollar Lounge) <b>SUNDAY, OCT. 1</b>
<b>AJ’S, Destin</b> JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.
<b>AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach</b> BRANDON DAY, 4-8 p.m.
<b>AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com</b> JAMAH TERRY, 5-9 p.m.
<b>CAMILLE’S, Destin,</b> <b>CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com</b> DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon
<b>CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village</b> BT TURNER, 1 p.m.
<b>FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach</b> DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.
<b>FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,</b> <b>850-424-6650</b> Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 7 p.m.
<b>THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach</b> CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.
<b>GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach</b> SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3-6 p.m.
<b>HOG’S BREATH, Destin</b> COLE JORDAN, 5 p.m.
<b>LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach</b> FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m. <i>Sunday Funday</i>
<b>LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,</b> <b>lulubuffett.com/destin</b> CADILLAC ATTACK, 5 p.m.
<b>MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin</b> BOB CUSHING, 11 a.m.

<b>THE OTHER END, Destin</b> DINO LOURDI, 5-8 p.m.
<b>THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008</b> DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.
<b>SEAGAR’S, Sandestin</b> RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.
<b>STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach</b> BILL GARRETT, 6-9 p.m.
<b>STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach</b> THE STEENOS, 11 a.m.
<b>SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island</b> CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight
<b>TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach</b> BILL GARRETT – “SMILIN’” FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
<b>MONDAY, OCT. 2</b>
<b>CAMILLE’S, Destin,</b> <b>CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com</b> KEVIN CARSON, 3-5 p.m.
<b>THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach</b> KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.
<b>GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach</b> RUBY & THE ROGUES, 9 p.m.
<b>HOG’S BREATH, Destin</b> JASON FINDLEY, 6-10 p.m. <i>Cat Shirt Monday</i>
<b>LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,</b> <b>lulubuffett.com/destin</b> HOWLIN’ JACK, 5 p.m.
<b>THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008</b> DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.
<b>SEAGAR’S, Sandestin</b> RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.
<b>STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach</b> JOHN HOORMANN, 6-9 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY, OCT. 3</b>
<b>AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach</b> Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9 p.m.
<b>BELLA SERA, HarborWalk Village</b> DIKI ROSS, 6-9 p.m.
<b>BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton</b> Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.
<b>BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin</b> AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6 p.m.
<b>CAMILLE’S, Destin,</b> <b>CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com</b> BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.
<b>EDWARDS FINE FOOD &amp; WINE, Rosemary Beach</b> JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.
<b>HOG’S BREATH, Destin</b> BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.
<b>THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008</b> RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
<b>REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach</b> REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.
<b>RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin</b> MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
<b>SEAGAR’S, Sandestin</b> RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

<b>STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach</b> BO ADAMS, 6-9 p.m. <i>Taco Tuesday</i>
<b>SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island</b> BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight
<b>30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach</b> Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4</b>
<b>AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach</b> ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9 p.m.
<b>AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island</b> Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.
<b>THE BAY, Santa Rosa Beach</b> FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 6 p.m.
<b>BELLA SERA, HarborWalk Village</b> DIKI ROSS, 6-9 p.m.
<b>BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton</b> Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.
<b>BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin</b> BT TURNER, 6 p.m.
<b>CAMILLE’S, Destin,</b> <b>CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com</b> TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.
<b>CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin,</b> <b>captdavesonthegulf.com</b> BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.
<b>EDWARDS FINE FOOD &amp; WINE, Rosemary Beach</b> JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.
<b>FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,</b> <b>850-244-6666</b> PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.
<b>FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,</b> <b>850-424-6650</b> CONTINUUM, 7 p.m.
<b>GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach</b> NIC TURNER, 4-7 p.m.
<b>HOG’S BREATH, Destin</b> AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.
<b>OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach</b> EMERALD GOLD, 7 p.m.
<b>THE OTHER END, Destin</b> ROB ROMANS, 6-9 p.m.
<b>POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach</b> BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.
<b>THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008</b> RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
<b>REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach</b> Singer-Songwriter Open Mic, 7-10 p.m.
<b>RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin</b> MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)
<b>STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach</b> NEIL SEBREE, 6-9 p.m.
<b>SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island</b> JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight
<b>30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach</b> TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.
<b>VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com</b> CHRIS ALVARADO, 7-9 p.m. <i>Wednesday Night Concert Series</i>

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# PET OF THE ISSUE

## Princess Cali

*Submitted by Larry Beat*

*Her name is Princess Cali, but I usually call her my Baby Girl. When she came into my life two years ago, I simply named her Cali, but after a couple days, she opened up to me and said her father was a king and her mother was a queen. Even without this revelation, I knew she was royalty.*

*She was a lost cat found behind the offices next to Liza Jackson Park on the Santa Rosa Sound in Fort Walton Beach. There's a vibrant, sociable group of sunset watchers who meet there every evening to drink wine, take photos of spectacular sunsets and care for the water fowl. They affectionately call this venue Heron Landing.*

*I stopped there one afternoon to take some photos and they asked me if I wanted a cat. The Princess had been hanging around for over a week, and everyone there wanted her but already had plenty of dogs and cats of their own. I took one look at her and fell in love.*

*She thrives on constant attention, aggressive back scratches and chilled albacore tuna served in an antique porcelain bowl. The Princess is a talker and very free with her opinions, usually concerning culinary issues.*

*As a retiree living alone, I did not realize how lonely I was. My Princess affectionately gives me abundant love and companionship.*



**ABOVE:** Deep in thought. Cali can be quite philosophical "when it pleases her," says Larry.



**ABOVE:** Cali on patrol in her backyard kingdom. "She enjoys stalking frogs, lizards and small snakes, leaving the birds and squirrels alone," says Larry.

**RIGHT:** The Princess shows her totally relaxed and vulnerable side. "I can never resist burying my face in her luxurious underbelly," says Larry.





Sept 21

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## Events

# Sunday, Sept. 24 – A Taste of FWB Happening Downtown

By Samantha Lambert

*"Wine is food, and food is life, and life is about the connections we make."*

- Evan Dawson

**What better place** to make those life connections than the **Second Annual Taste of Fort Walton Beach Food and Wine Festival** Sunday, **Sept. 24?** The festival takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Landing on Brooks Street and is sponsored by the nonprofit Downtown Fort Walton Beach Organization, Inc. This year's event will benefit Children in Crisis, Inc.

The event will feature over 75 eclectic wine selections along with a variety of restaurants representing local flavors. The Downtown FWB Organization will partner with Kelley's Beach Liquors and several wine vendor groups for the event. Beach Liquors will also donate 10 percent of wine sales to Children in Crisis.

For every bottle of wine sold, guests will receive a chance drawing ticket for prizes. Those purchasing bottles of wine can pre-pay and pick up their purchase later at the downtown Beach Liquors location.

There will be live music from **Shenanigans**, and Taste Tapas & Wine Bar and Beach Liquors team up to sponsor a VIP tent. Guests will be able to purchase t-shirts on site as well.

"Last year we had over 600 people attend the first Taste of Fort Walton Beach Food and Wine Festival. It was a beautiful day and a great addition to our event lineup in Downtown Fort Walton Beach," says Downtown FWB Organization president **Christa Machado**.

This year's event is sponsored by the Downtown FWB Organization, Beach Liquors, and local radio stations Highway 98.1, 102.1 the Wave, 103.1 the Blaze, and Q92. All kinds of prizes have been donated for

the festival including a "staycation," artwork by local artist Mark Bonner from Studio III, premium wine, local gift baskets, and other prizes from downtown FWB business owners.

The Downtown FWB Organization Board is led by Machado, who owns Sacred-X-Pressions Tattoo Studio. Also on the board are KC Harrison, co-owner of KC's Sandbar and Grill, Tapworks, and Taste Tapas & Wine Bar; Stacie Hoard, owner of De'France Indoor Flea Market Antiques & Collectibles; Suzanne Clark of World Impact Real Estate; Jeff Harris of Run With It; and Jennifer Bundrick, who serves as events director for the Downtown FWB Organization.

The organization schedules many events for the Downtown Fort Walton Beach area throughout the year. The Downtown FWB Farmers Market takes place twice a month. Vendors offer an array of locally grown and handmade items such as fresh produce, local honey, farm fresh eggs, and fresh dairy products. The Downtown FWB Art Walk is held the first Friday of every month from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., starting in March and ending in November.

Pub crawls, Movies at the Landing, *Ladies Night Out...Downtown!*, and *A Downtown Holiday* are some other downtown events of note. You can find more at **downtownFWB.com**.

The Second Annual Taste of Fort Walton Beach Food and Wine Festival is a rain or shine event. Purchase tickets online at **tasteoffwbfoodandwinefest.com**. Food and wine wristbands are \$40, food taste only wristbands are \$25 each, wine tasting only wristbands are \$25, VIP wristbands are \$75, and children 12 and under wristbands are \$10.

This event is a great way to spend a beautiful Sunday afternoon with music, beverages, food and fun—all with an amazing view. See you downtown.

# Fore Her Golf Outing Supporting Local Women Set for Sept. 29



**Time to tee** up and benefit Fore Her.

Fore Her, Inc. is currently accepting sponsorships, donations and registration for its **5th Annual Fore Her Golf Outing**. The event takes place Friday, **Sept. 29**, at the Santa Rosa Golf & Beach Club in Santa Rosa Beach.

Check in and registration begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:15. Cost is \$110 per person and includes lunch, 18 holes of golf, a cart, hole-in-one prizes, and a silent auction.

On the same day, the **Annual Helicopter Golf Ball Drop** will be held, and it's open to everyone. Numbered pink golf balls are available for donation and will be assigned to each person making a donation. Go to the Fore Her website to watch a

video of previous years' ball drops and find out more information.

Sponsorships for the Fore Her Golf Outing are still available. Sponsors make it possible for Fore Her, Inc. to provide local women battling breast cancer with financial assistance. For more information or to become a sponsor, please email Amy at [amy@foreher.org](mailto:amy@foreher.org) or call 850-699-3233.

Fore Her, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Santa Rosa Beach. The Fore Her Golf Outing signature fundraiser is held annually. Fore Her is run by a board of local women and men who all volunteer their time and energy for a wonderful cause.

Visit [foreher.org](http://foreher.org) to learn more, and follow Fore Her on Facebook for event updates.

- Kellyanne Bartleson

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All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Oct. 5-18 events by 5 p.m. Thursday, **Sept. 28**, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com).

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

### BUBBLY BAYTOWNE

*The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 5-7 p.m.*

[BaytowneWharf.com](http://BaytowneWharf.com)

An evening of FREE champagne and shopping for adults 21 and older.

### FOURTH ANNUAL STEAK & STAKE DINNER WITH JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE

*South Walton Boys & Girls Club, 6:30 p.m. – VIP seating at 5 p.m.*

850-344-7763

Meet with and hear from club members, as youth share their stories of why Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast has made a positive impact on their lives. Tickets are \$100 for general admission and \$150 for VIP. Email [cmayes@bgcec.com](mailto:cmayes@bgcec.com) for tickets and sponsorship info.

### PLANETARIUM NIGHT

*Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 5, 6 and 7 p.m.*

850-664-1261

Explore the night sky. Cost is \$7 for children, \$9 for adults, and \$8 for seniors. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to showtime.

### RODEO BIKE NIGHT

*Emerald Coast Harley-Davidson, Fort Walton Beach, 7-10 p.m.*

Dancing, mechanical bull rides, food and beer from Props Brewery and live music by **Dakota**.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

### SIXTH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF FRESH START GALA – FOOTBALL EDITION

*Soundside Club, Hurlburt Field, 6-9 p.m.*

[eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

Tickets start at \$40 for general admission. Wear your favorite football jersey or casual game attire, and enjoy food, cash bar, live and silent auctions, and music by **The Mulligans** as Fresh Start tackles homelessness.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 22-SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

### AJ'S BIG MAC CLASSIC FISHING TOURNAMENT

*AJ's, Destin*

Registration Friday, starting at 4 p.m., followed by Captains Dinner at 6. Weigh-ins Saturday and Sunday behind AJ's, followed by awards ceremony Sunday evening with cash prizes totaling over \$15,000. Fundraiser for **The Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Florida**.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAYS

*HarborWalk Village, Destin, 11 a.m.*

[EmeraldGrande.com](http://EmeraldGrande.com)

Get your football on with great food and drink specials from your favorite HarborWalk spots.

### DOWNTOWN FORT WALTON BEACH FARMERS MARKET

*Fort Walton Beach Landing Park, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.*

A dazzling array of locally grown and handmade items. You never know what you'll find here.

### GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

*Grand Park, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin,*

*9 a.m.-1 p.m.*

[www.GrandBoulevard.com](http://www.GrandBoulevard.com)

Dozens of unique vendors offer mostly locally sourced food-based items. Specialty soaps and lotions are also for sale.

### MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

*Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 10:30 a.m.-Noon*

850-678-2615

If you don't know what a Mad Hatter Tea Party is, ask Alice. Cost is \$8 per child (\$6 for museum members)—one adult per family FREE, additional adults are \$3 each. Space is limited, so call to reserve your spot. Recommended for ages 5-15.

### SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

*Seaside, 8 a.m.*

[www.SeasideFL.com](http://www.SeasideFL.com)

### SEPTEMBER SATURDAYS

*The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7-10 p.m.*

[BaytowneWharf.com](http://BaytowneWharf.com)

Live music, game day specials and over 90 TVs on which to cheer on your favorite teams.

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

### BRUNCH & MIMOSAS IN THE BACKYARD OF LOVE BENEFITING DOG-HARMONY

*Hibiscus Café by Grayton Beach Catering, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.*

Come support healthy relationships between humans and dogs, check out featured artist **Loraine Sloan**, and enjoy live music by Beachcomberland favorite **Ashley Feller**.

## MONDAY, SEPT. 25

### DESTIN ELEMENTARY SPIRIT NIGHT

*Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Destin, 5-8 p.m.*

[lulubuffett.com/Destin](http://lulubuffett.com/Destin)



LuLu's will donate 10 percent of food and drink sales to the Destin Elementary PTO.

### TAI CHI

*Destin Library, 9 a.m.*

[taichiforarthritits.com](http://taichiforarthritits.com)

One-hour classes with certified instructor **Barbara Rezmer**. Cost is \$5 per session with enrollment limited to 12. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

### DEEP SOUTH FAVORITES COOKING CLASS

*Clemenza's, Uptown Station, Fort Walton Beach, 6-8 p.m.*

850-243-0707

Chicken and dumplings, bacon braised Brussels and sweet potato pie! Cost is \$60 per person—call to reserve your spot.

Events

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27

BATTLE AT THE BAR

The Gulf, Okaloosa Island, 6 p.m.

eventbrite.com

Sponsored by Ketel One and benefiting Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge. Beachcomberland's top bartenders compete to win over a panel of judges with unique concoctions and mixology techniques, and they'll have a shot at \$300 cash and other sexy prizes. Tickets are \$20 each and include cocktail samples and light hors d'oeuvres. Space is limited—advance ticket purchase is strongly encouraged.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

The Posh Daisy Salon and Spa, Fort Walton Beach, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Clients and community are invited to enjoy fish tacos by Chef Brent, margaritas, "mini services" and giveaways.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

MEATBALLS FOR HOPE

Giovanni's One89, Fort Walton Beach, 6-9 p.m.

FWBChamber.org

Enter your own meatballs (for 25 bucks) or be a judge. Enjoy spaghetti, cash Tiki Bar, music, giveaways and more. Proceeds benefit One Hopeful Place.

ROCK THE DOCKS CAPTAINS AND MATES KICKOFF PARTY

AJ's, Destin, 4-6 p.m.

DestinFishingRodeo.org

Get ready for the 69th Annual Destin Fishing Rodeo with drink specials, live music from Miles Flatt on the Jumbotron stage, and fireworks.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAYS

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 11 a.m.

EmeraldGrande.com

Get your football on with great food and drink specials from your favorite HarborWalk spots.

EGGS ON THE BEACH BIG GREEN EGG FEST

Bay Breeze Patio, Miramar Beach, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

EggsOnTheBeach.com

The fourth annual smoke and grill competition features live music by Beachcomber Music Award winner Chris Alvarado, plus ENCO Sports Zone (whatever that means), a kids' area, smoked cocktail seminar by Knob Creek, charity raffle and more. Proceeds benefit Fisher House of the Emerald Coast and Food for Thought, Inc.

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THIRD ANNUAL SOUTH WALTON RUN/SUP SERIES

Grayton Beach State Park, Santa Rosa Beach, 7:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

active.com

The event takes you on a two-mile circuit through Grayton Beach State Park before slicing across Western Lake on a SUP board for an additional two miles. Entry fee is \$75 for the competitive division (at 7:45), \$60 for recreation division (at 9), and \$30 per participant (must have partner to enter) for the relay division (at

10:15). Bring your own board, but if you need to rent one, call 850-231-0469.

This year's beneficiary is the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance, who are responsible for sustaining healthy local waterways through monitoring, education, restoration and research.

For sponsorship opportunities, call 850-420-0634.

2017 FRIENDS OF NRA BANQUET

Knights of Columbus Council #4444, Fort Walton Beach, 5:30 p.m.

friendsofNRA.org

Included here so people won't think we're just a liberal left-wing publication.

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

DESTIN CHARITY CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Destin Commons, South Street Expansion Area, 12:30 p.m.

eccac.org

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER Sunday services—beach service at Henderson State Park, Destin, 7:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); beach service at the Crab Trap, Scenic 98, 7:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); summer service at Destin Life Center, 200 Beach Drive, Destin, 10 a.m. (combined traditions and Xalt); sunset beach service at Henderson State Park, 6:30 p.m. (bring your own chair). 850-837-2021.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sundays 8 a.m. worship, 9:15 bible study, 10:30 worship, 4325 Commons Drive, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834

U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. www.saintritaaparish.org.

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or www.shorelinechurch.net.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 a.m. Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.



#BeachcomberLovesDogs... Mr. Biggs, a recent Alaqua Animal Refuge Pet of the Week. Meet your new best friend every week (or every other week) at beachcomberdestin.com.

## A group of people are playing cornhole on a paved area in front of a building with large windows. One person in an orange and white shirt is in the foreground, another in a white shirt is in the middle ground, and a third in a white shirt is in the background. There are palm trees and street lamps in the background.

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# Beachcomberland Places

## ANTIQUES

**DE FRANCE ANTIQUES & FLEA MKT.** with over 80+ vendors, lots of unique items to choose from. 230 S.E. Eglin Pkwy. 850-314-7500.

**SMITH'S ANTIQUES MALL & INTERIORS MARKET** 25,000 sq. ft. and 94 vetted dealers have made Smith's the favorite with decorators, locals and tourists for over 20 years. Voted Best of the Emerald Coast for 14 consecutive years, Finest on the Emerald Coast, and Best in Destin... need we say more? Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 12500 Emerald Coast Parkway, Miramar Beach (near Silver Sands). 850-654-1484. [www.smithsantiquesmall.com](http://www.smithsantiquesmall.com).

## BOOKSTORES

**READ IT AGAIN** Used and rare books. Browse inventory and shop online at [www.readitagain1.com](http://www.readitagain1.com) or just come see us at 703 John Sims Parkway in Niceville, just one block west of Niceville High School. Hours of operation are Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. We have a little bit of everything—popular reads, new releases, fiction, nonfiction, fantasy and science fiction, mystery and suspense, romance, history, military and so much more. 850-279-4646.

## EDUCATIONAL

**EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER** A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. [www.ecscience.org](http://www.ecscience.org).

## FARMERS MARKETS

**30A FARMERS MARKETS** Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for

more info.

- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
- **30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## GOLF

**REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB** This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest's* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. [www.regattabay.com](http://www.regattabay.com).

**SANTA ROSA GOLF & BEACH CLUB** Referred to as the "Purest golf in the Florida Panhandle" by *Golf Magazine*, this 18-hole, par 72 course offers five sets of tees and a challenge for every skill level of handicap. Situated on 80 pristine acres in the heart of Santa Rosa Beach, this course has a unique character only found around the Highway 30A corridor. Holes three through five wind around a complex of dunes, all within a few hundred yards of the Gulf of Mexico. Dining, driving range, putting green and club rentals available. 334 Golf Club Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2229. [www.santarosaclub.com](http://www.santarosaclub.com).

## MARINE PARKS/ AQUARIUMS

**GULFARIUM MARINE ADVENTURE PARK** Delight in watching dolphins leap and sea lions play during spectacular shows! Or participate and interact directly with these and other remarkable marine animals including stingrays, seals and

penguins during interactive programming (advance reservations required). Enjoy educational exhibits and beautiful Gulf views. Open daily at 9 a.m. 1010 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-243-9046. [www.gulfarium.com](http://www.gulfarium.com).

## MUSEUMS

**DESTIN HISTORY & FISHING MUSEUM** Open year round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for holiday hours of operation. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and military and \$3 for children. 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, 850-837-6611.

**INDIAN TEMPLE MOUND MUSEUM** Artifacts and displays showing the rich Indian history of this area. 139 Hwy. 98SE, FWB, 850-833-9595.

## MUSIC STORES

**LEITZ MUSIC** Guitars, bass, drums and keyboards, plus recording, DJ and PA equipment. Sales, repairs and lessons. Gibson, Fender, PRS, Taylor, Martin, Ibanez and more. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sundays noon-5 p.m. Located in Uptown Station, Fort Walton Beach, 850-863-1099. [www.facebook.com/LeitzMusicFWB](http://www.facebook.com/LeitzMusicFWB).

## PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

**BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK** Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

**BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK** NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH** Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

**BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK** Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

**CAMP HELEN STATE PARK** offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

**CESSNA BAY** Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

**CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK** This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

**DUNE ALLEN** In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

**ED WALLINE** A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

**EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK** An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour at 3 p.m. The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

**GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA** Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

**GRAYTON DUNES** Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

**GULF SHORE MANOR** Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

**GULFVIEW HEIGHTS** Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

**HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK** This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

**INLET BEACH** This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

**LEGION BAY** Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

**MARLER MEMORIAL PARK** Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

**MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS** Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

**TOPSAIL HILL PRESERVE STATE PARK** offers a wide variety of natural resources, including 3.2 miles of public beach access with majestic dunes over 25 feet tall. Our 1,600 acre preserve includes rare coastal dune lakes, old-growth long leaf pines and sand pine scrub, and a variety of wetlands offer a bird watching and hiking paradise. Visitors may bike, walk, or enjoy a quick ride to the beach on our timely tram service to swim, fish, sunbathe or beachcomb. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. A park store offers a variety of camping items, as well as souvenirs and bike, kayak, canoe and SUP rentals. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. Gregory E. Moore RV resort features a (non-heated) swimming pool and shuffleboard courts. Furnished bungalows are available for weekly stays. 7525 West County Highway 30A Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-8330. [www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill](http://www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill).

## TUMBLING, ETC.

**BEACH ELITE CHEER AND TUMBLE** Here visiting and need to work on your tumbling skills? Just a short 15-minute drive from Destin in the heart of Fort Walton Beach, Beach Elite Cheer and Tumble is the only cheerleading and tumbling facility for ages 3 to 18 in the area. If you're looking for something fun and different to do, let our experienced and nationally certified staff help you out. Try a tumbling class for a \$15 drop-in fee, or open gym every Friday from 6:30 to 10 p.m. with dinner included for only \$15. For more information, visit [beachelitecheerleading.com](http://beachelitecheerleading.com), call 850-362-6459, or email [info@beachelitecheerleading.com](mailto:info@beachelitecheerleading.com). We hope to see you soon! **#GoodVibes**



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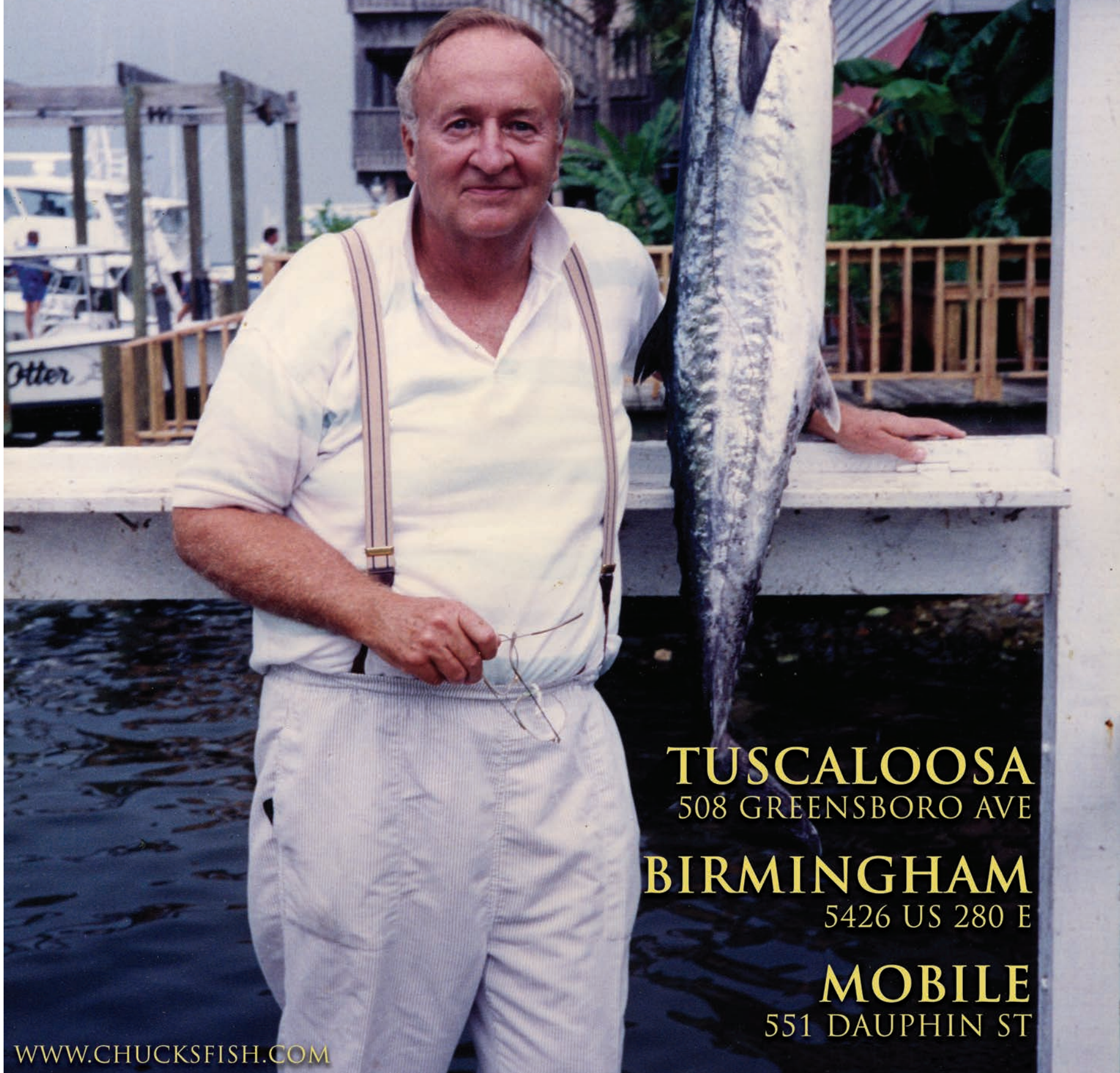
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# Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative Celebrates 20 Years



By Alita Feek

**This October, the** Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative (OCPLC) celebrates its 20th anniversary. Comprised of libraries in Crestview, Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Mary Esther, Niceville and Valparaiso, it “serves residents of Okaloosa County with free public library services.” To mark the occasion, we present 20 fun facts about your community libraries.

1. Both the Valparaiso Community Library and the Crestview Public Library offer the chance to socialize and craft at the same time. Crestview hosts “Coffee and Craft” each month, while the Valparaiso library has a weekly “Needles and Hooks Social Club.”

2. Learn Japanese, Arabic or Spanish from your own computer. Visit the OCPLC website, and use your library card to log into **Rocket Languages**. Features downloadable lessons, games, and more.

3. On the third Tuesday of every month, children can read to special dogs as part of the **READ: Reading Education Assistance Dogs** program at Niceville Public Library. Signup is required. Crestview children can also read to Dozer, a local pup, on the first Saturday of every month.

4. In 1991, celebrated American author Harper Lee donated \$200 to the Destin Library for the purchase of new books.

5. In 2007, the OCPLC had 100,335 registered borrowers, or 55 percent of Okaloosa County’s entire population. In 2016, there were 72,555 registered borrowers, equivalent to 36 percent of our population. That’s quite a drop, isn’t it? Amazingly, 2007 had 608,804 checkouts, while there were—*drumroll, please*—762,052 check-outs in 2016. We may live online these days, but we still love our libraries.

6. The Valparaiso library will proudly debut its new 3-D printer, available for customer use, this October.

7. The Mary Esther Public Library offers a **Monthly Movie Matinee**, which features “family-friendly movies each month throughout the year.” Light refreshments are provided. Please register in advance.

8. The OCPLC was founded in October 1997. Founding members were the Crestview, Mary Esther and Niceville libraries.

9. Did you know you can get your passport at the Fort Walton Beach Library? They don’t take photos, but will help you with everything else. Call 850-833-9590 to make an appointment—no walk-ins.

10. Are you a Crestview resident looking for a job or career change? Crestview partners with **CareerSource Okaloosa-Walton** to provide in-person help with employment services at the library. Check website for dates and times.

11. Genealogists will be pleased to know that the Valparaiso library has a unique collection of genealogy materials—“over 3,600 publications with hundreds of local researches completing their family histories.”

12. Courtesy of OPLC, drivers have FREE online access to a ton of DMV practice tests—permit or driver’s license, motorcycle, even CDL.

13. The Fort Walton Beach Library’s address on Miracle Strip Parkway makes it the perfect place to stop and grab a beach read before heading out to Okaloosa Island.

14. Did you know you can borrow games—new titles, not just old fart games—for Playstation, XBOX and Wii at your local library? If the game you want happens to be at another library, just request it and within a few days, it will be delivered to your branch.

15. Both the Destin and Mary Esther libraries were run solely by volunteers during the first years of their existence.

16. Homebound individuals may qualify for **Books-By-Mail**, which is exactly what it sounds like. Call your local library for more information.

17. Calling all eBook lovers...you can borrow titles, including bestsellers, for your Nook, Kindle, etc. All you need is your library card.

18. Have you heard of **Brainfuse JobNOW**, the online service that includes “live job coaching, real-time interview practice, [and a] full-service resume lab”? From the OPLC website, login with your library card and polish up your job hunting from the comfort of your own home.

19. **Niceville’s Friends of the Library** does an amazing job turning your donated books into new library projects. And the Friends are super nice, to boot.

20. Individual libraries could not afford to subscribe to many of the aforementioned services, but thanks to the pooling of resources, OPLC is pleased to offer all the above and more to Okaloosa County residents 100 percent FREE of charge.

UPCOMING BOOKS

**SEPT. 26**  
**Max Brallier, *The Last Kids on Earth and the Nightmare King***  
**Harlan Coben, *Don't Let Go***  
**Stephen King and Owen King, *Sleeping Beauties*.** Donald Trump, you're not allowed to read this one.  
**Satya Nadella, *Hit Refresh: The Quest to Rediscover Microsoft's Soul and Imagine a Better Future for Everyone***  
**Gil Schafer III and Eric Piasecki, *A Place to Call Home: Tradition, Style and Memory in the New American House***  
**Kurt Vonnegut, *Complete Stories*.** Collected and introduced by Jerome Klinkowitz and Dan Wakefield, with a foreword by Dave Eggers.

**SEPT. 29**  
**Danni Starr, *Empathy and Eyebrows: A Survivalist's Stories on Reviving Your Spirit After Soul-Crushing Sh\*tstorms* (Paperback)**

**OCT. 3**  
**Dan Brown, *Origin***  
**Ta-Nehisi Coates, *We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy***  
**Jennifer Egan, *Manhattan Beach***  
**Andrew Rea, *Eat What You Watch: A Cookbook for Movie Lovers***  
**Rick Riordan, *Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard, Book 3: The Ship of the Dead***  
**J.K. Rowling and Jim Kay, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban: The Illustrated Edition***  
**Peter Zheutlin, *Rescued: What Second Chance Dogs Teach Us About Living with Purpose, Loving with Abandon, and Finding Joy in the Little Things***  
**Sources:** amazon.com, netgalley.com

Recommended Reading

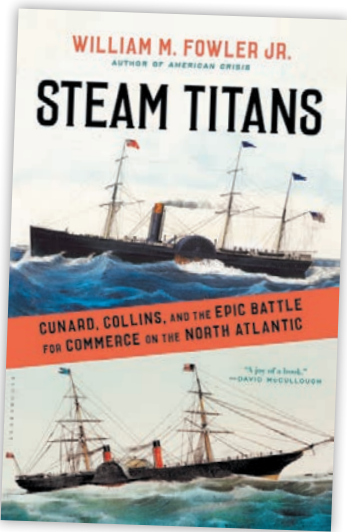
**William M. Fowler Jr.**  
***Steam Titans – Cunard, Collins, and the Epic Battle for Commerce on the North Atlantic***  
Bloomsbury USA  
Before Jobs versus Gates, there was Cunard versus Collins. *Steam Titans* is a high tech, high stakes chronicle of the birth of steam-powered shipping, the death of sail, and the economic ascendancy of New York and the United States. The cast of characters is almost impossible to keep straight, and it's easy to get bogged down in the minutiae of maritime engineering and arcane finance. Still, when the ships put to sea, racing against time and their rivals, the book flies along. Fowler draws from naval documents, personal and business correspondence, and the brazenly partisan newspapers that followed the action.  
- Bruce Collier

**EDITOR'S PICKS – GIANTS REAL AND IMAGINED**  
**Al Franken, *Giant of the Senate*.** Back in the late '70s, Senator Franken seemed about as likely as Senator John Blutarsky. But, as Franken is happy to remind us, he's worked hard since he was (barely) elected to represent his home state of Minnesota in 2008. The audiobook, narrated by Franken, serves as a reminder that the former *Saturday Night Live* writer-actor-producer, is still funny as ever, especially when he's ripping on Ted Cruz.

**John Gilstrap, *Final Target*.** Gilstrap's latest Jonathan Graves paperback original finds our hero and his trusty sidekick fighting a Mexican drug cartel with a bunch of kiddies along for the ride.

**Karin Slaughter, *The Good Daughter*.** A one night stand followed by a school shooting, followed by gasp-inducing revelations about two sisters' nightmarish history. Twists and turns are managed skillfully by one of the best thriller writers working today.

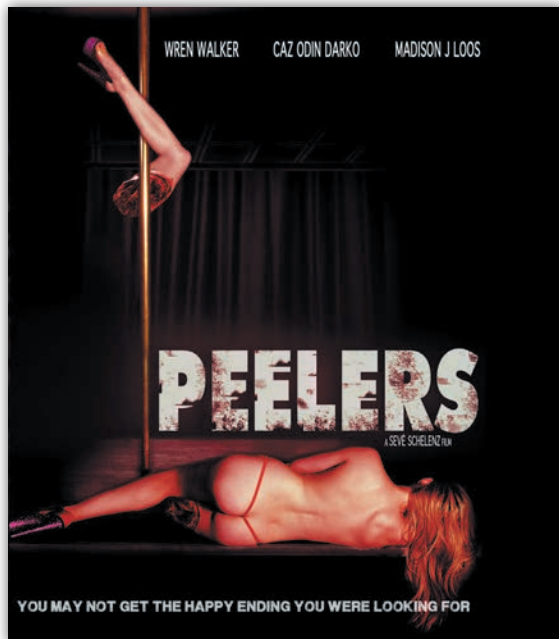
**Jason Zinoman, *Letterman: The Last Giant of Late Night*.** Pages upon pages of reminders that Fallon, Kimmel, Colbert, et al. are just filling air time.



- Chris Manson

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# “Peelers” Is Grindhouse Cinema at Its Finest



By Rob Perez

Since its 2007 resurgence courtesy of Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino, the term “grindhouse” has seen a lot of spotlight in modern cinema. Prior to the aforementioned auteurs’ double feature, grindhouse was simple—sex, violence, bizarre subject matter...pure exploitation at its finest.

As an art form in the 21st century, there seems to be a need to strike a fair balance—becoming true tongue-in-cheek exploitation, all while winking at the camera with a “so bad, it’s good” air of fun. Too much of any element, and you have just a flat-out bad movie. Luckily for us, director Seve Schelenz gets it right with *Peelers*.

From the opening credits—an NSFW spin on 007 turf—you know exactly what you’re getting yourself into. Actress Wren Walker has a ball as Blue Jean “Don’t You Dare Call Her BJ” Douglas, a down-on-her-luck strip club owner on her last night before shutting down and selling the place. Of course, no proper send off is complete without a few shots of tequila, some last hurrah dances from some rather unique strippers, and some oily pseudo-zombies crashing the party and tearing the patrons to shreds.

How did they get there? There’s something about some miners and a dig gone wrong. Subplots abound, but don’t bother reading too much into all that. Just sit back and watch Blue Jean and her ragtag team of strippers and bouncers go against the odds to win the day, all while simultaneously getting dispatched one by one.

As with any good grindhouse creature feature, what the film lacks in its gravity-defying plot, it makes up for in good old-fashioned nudity, gore and visceral violence. Schelenz’s team has created kills a plenty...and they’re creative, for sure. One particular sequence regarding a character’s still-beating insides was particularly unsettling. And the direction Walker wields her weapon of choice—a baseball bat—is a gravitas similar to a certain barbed wire-wrapped bat-loving gentleman living in an alternate zombie universe, only with an added feminist streak.

Speaking of, the girl power is strong with this one and timely to boot. In the era of “grab ‘em by the you-know-what,” it’s a bit of fun to see this cast and these filmmakers take that sentiment and properly piss on it—figuratively and literally.

*This review originally appeared at 850me.com, the music and entertainment website headed by our very own Nikki Hedrick.*

## OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

### SEPT. 22

**Battle of the Sexes.** Emma Stone as Billie Jean King, and Steve Carell as Bobby Riggs.

**The Force.** Wonder how pissed off the *Star Wars* fans are gonna be when they find out it’s a documentary about the Oakland Police Department?

**Kingsman: The Golden Circle.** Channing Tatum, Colin Firth, Halle Berry, Julianne Moore, Jeff Bridges.

**The LEGO Ninjago Movie.** Animated.

### SEPT. 29

**American Made.** Tom Cruise attempts to make amends for his *Mummy* reboot with this fact-based story of a pilot who runs drugs for the CIA.

**Flatliners.** Ellen Page and her fellow medical students explore the afterlife with disastrous results.

**Mark Felt: The Man Who Brought Down the White House.** Liam Neeson as “Deep Throat.”

**Super Dark Times.** Take a little trip back to mid-’90s suburbia.

Source: [www.metacritic.com](http://www.metacritic.com)

## UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

### SEPT. 26

**Channel Zero: Candle Cove (Season 1)**

**David Lynch: The Art Life.** Director Jon Nguyen’s *second* documentary about the weirdo filmmaker.

**47 Meters Down.** Claire Holt, Mandy Moore.

**Pop Aye.** A boy and his elephant turn the road movie on its ear.

**Transformers: The Last Knight.** Mark Wahlberg and Anthony Hopkins, the latter of whom must have been short on cash when he signed on for Michael Bay’s movie.

### OCT. 3

**The B-Side: Elsa Dorfman’s Portrait Photography**

**Churchill.** Biopic got tepid reviews, but it’s probably worth seeing for Brian Cox’s performance.

**A Ghost Story.** Casey Affleck, Rooney Mara.

**The Ornithologist.** Acclaimed adventure directed by Joao Pedro Rodrigues finds the title character stranded in an eerie and dark forest.

**Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales.** The Johnny Depp franchise wears out its welcome.

Source: [www.metacritic.com](http://www.metacritic.com)

## STREAM ON



### Disjointed Hulu

Despite getting ripped by critics, *Disjointed*—starring Kathy Bates as the hippie chick in charge of a SoCal weed dispensary—has its moments, especially when making fun of the stoner crew. Aside from featuring some longtime TV heavyweights behind the camera (Chuck Lorre and *The Daily Show*’s David Javerbaum for starters), the show has a likeable cast. Elizabeth Ho, the “tokin’ Asian” of the group, shines as a woman desperately trying to hide her new “buddtender” career from her mom. *Disjointed* also has its own brand of laugh-worthy commercials and YouTube plugs. It’s not for everyone, but if you’re looking for a slightly offbeat comedy—and can get past the annoying canned laughtrack—this one just might tickle your funny bone.

—Joni Williams



### The Mindy Project Hulu

Mindy Kaling’s sitcom remains one of the best romantic comedies on TV. Over the past five seasons, it has seen her character Mindy Lahiri through her career as an OB/GYN in New York, multiple complicated relationships, and motherhood. The ensemble cast has incredible comedic and emotional chemistry, with their constant banter making the show all the more quick and engaging. It is an honest feel-good show that never shies away from putting the uncomfortable or weighty parts of life on full display. *The Mindy Project* just returned to Hulu for its sixth and final season, with new episodes airing every Tuesday.

—Jane Morgan

# Get Ready to Root for the Losers – “IT”

By Alita Feek

The movie *IT* arrived in theaters just in time for Hurricane Irma. And although some stores had sandbags in front of them, my husband and I braved the Destin Commons and saw *IT* on opening weekend. I knew what to expect - I love the book, have seen the trailer, and was at peace with the absence of Tim Curry.

Based on Stephen King’s novel of the same name, *IT* has enthralled and terrified millions since it was published in 1986. The plot is simple - a group of kids known as “The Losers” lives in ‘50s-era Derry, Maine. One idyllic summer, their lives are changed forever when they are confronted by a nameless evil...by *IT*.

Half the novel deals with the Losers fighting *IT*, and the other half deals with them as adults returning to Derry for a final showdown with *IT*. This movie covers the children’s story, and the sequel will cover the adults. Going in, I knew this was part one—the audience was largely surprised when the end title card read “Chapter One”—and I expected the end to set us up for part two.

What I did not expect? The audience reaction. “It was just the right mix of funny and scary.” Those were the exact words of some folks behind us upon leaving the theater. Funny? Not a reaction you’d expect to this highly anticipated movie that features

the granddaddy of killer clowns. Surprisingly, the film elicited multiple laughs from the packed theater, and yes, some of them were in response to genuinely funny quips.

But laughing at Pennywise, the terrifying clown that feeds on both children’s fear and on the children themselves? That was unexpected. I suspect it was the result of a jaded audience grown increasingly immune to old school jump scares. For better or worse, supernatural horror fans have gotten used to the less is more approach favored by movies such as *Paranormal Activity* or *The Conjuring*. I’m afraid that less was not necessarily more for Bill Skarsgard’s Pennywise.

It’s also worth noting that there was absolutely nothing subtle about the score. That said, when the movie needed to punch you in the gut, it punched hard. And the audience reacted exactly the way director Andy Muschietti hoped it would—with gasps, cheers, and shock.

As an adaptation, *IT* nails it. There were quite a few winks to book readers, and the spirit of the Losers is pitch perfect. While there’s not a ton of time to spend on each individual’s backstory, each member of the ensemble cast nails his or her story. In particular, Sophia Lillis as Beverly Marsh sent chills down my spine. Her portrayal of the razor’s edge that children with abusive parents must tread is astounding.

Keeping in mind that *IT* isn’t a literal translation, however, there were some changes (there had to be, since the novel is 1,090 pages long). One of the very best is setting the story in the late ‘80s. The time jump has no effect on the plot, but it has a huge impact on the viewer. By setting it in the ‘80s, the Losers magically become roughly the same age as a large chunk of the viewing audience. I grew up in the ‘80s and am tickled that I’ll be peers with the adult Losers.

*IT* may not terrify you. But it will have you rooting 100 percent for the Losers. It will make you jump in the truly critical places. And it will definitely

have you waiting and wondering how they will create endgame magic in *IT: Chapter Two*.



## LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

#### “MARY POPPINS”

Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7 p.m.

#### BaytowneWharf.com

FREE “Throwback Thursday” screening of the Julie Andrews-Dick Van Dyke classic on the Events Plaza Lawn.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

#### “THE 2 SIDES PROJECT”

WSRE Jean and Paul Amos Performance Studio, Pensacola State College, 7 p.m.

wsre.org



Margot Carlson Delogne lost her father in the Vietnam War. As she grew to adulthood, she began wondering about the children in Vietnam who also lost their parents. Her wondering led to an idea to promote healing, inspiring a nonprofit organization and the documentary film *The 2 Sides Project*.

The WSRE Public Square Speakers series presents Carlson Delogne, along with film director **Anthony Istrico** and Gold Star son **Ron Reyes**, in the Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio. They will discuss their recent experiences in Vietnam and present a screening of the film.

The 2 Sides Project was created by Carlson Delogne in March 2015 to connect sons and daughters who lost fathers on opposite sides of the Vietnam War. The documentary of the same name follows the unforgettable journey of six Americans as they discovered a country and a people with a shared history and common grief.

In Vietnam, they met more than 20 Vietnamese sons and daughters whose fathers also died in the war. Istrico’s film captures these powerful encounters along with emotional visits to the sites where the Americans’ fathers died some 50 years ago.

Reyes is the son of Marine Private First Class Ronald Reyes, who was killed in Vietnam on March 30, 1968. He is one of the Americans featured in the film, and he also appears in the 2016 WSRE documentary *They Were Our Fathers*.

Carlson Delogne’s goal for the 2 Sides Project is to connect more people similarly affected by the Vietnam War, and eventually by more recent wars. According to the organization’s website, an estimated 20,000 Americans and 70,000 Vietnamese lost their fathers in the Vietnam War.

*The 2 Sides Project* documentary, awarded the GI Film Festival Founders’ Choice Award in May, is currently being formatted for TV broadcast and will soon be scheduled to air on PBS member stations, including WSRE.

Admission to all WSRE Public Square Speakers Series events is FREE. Register online at **wsre.org/speakers**.

- Mary Riker



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# Review – EC Theatre Company's Musical Take on Love's Little Ups and Downs



The cast and crew of *I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE*.

Photo by Nikki Hedrick.

By Nikki Hedrick

**Let's be honest**—dating isn't easy. There is no magic age when you have all the answers about interpersonal relationships. And if we are really honest, we all have made some sort of faux pas along the way.

*I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, Emerald Coast Theatre Company's newest production, is a musical comedy that dives deep into the world of dating and everything that follows, from children to being widowed.

The play features four actors—Marcellis Cutler, Hope Golds, Brian Hilario and McKenzie Pollock. Instead of following four characters, the audience is treated to a whole host of vignettes that touch on the absurdity of social expectations of dating and its unavoidable heartaches. But make no mistake, the play is upbeat, beginning with "Cantata for a First Date," a humorous take on how one prepares and primps for a first date with hints of how looking for a partner can wear a person thin.

From there, we move into awkward geeks trying to make their way, the lies daters fall into as they are trying to woo potential suitors, and the excitement of a relationship barreling down milestones. The play toys with stereotypes and generates some great laughs, even in the face of hardship.

The story arc stretches through the vignettes from that oh-so-precarious world of dating to wedding vows that mark the intermission. After intermission, we get a glimpse of how children change relationship dynamics, and how beautifully love can age or fall apart.

But *I Love You...* is about more than romantic relationships. It highlights parental expectations, evolving friendships, and how love keeps moving forward. It highlights life.

These stories are told primarily through song, which is made even livelier live piano accompanist Celia Villacres. There are feelings we can all relate to, even the little jabs about not liking football or secretly crying at mushy movies.

Kudos to the cast, director Nathanael Fisher, musical director Mary Jeter, and the entire crew for bringing this long-running off-Broadway jewel to our community.

*I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* runs through **Oct. 1** every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., along with Sunday matinees at 2, at 560 Grand Boulevard. Due to lyrics and content, the show is deemed appropriate for ages 13 and up.

Learn more at [EmeraldCoastTheatre.org](http://EmeraldCoastTheatre.org).

## Stage > Upcoming Shows

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

#### EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE"

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 p.m.

[EmeraldCoastTheatre.org](http://EmeraldCoastTheatre.org)

The musical comedy about dating, romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives and in-laws runs through **Oct. 1**. Music by Jimmy Roberts, book and lyrics by Joe Dipietro. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$26 for seniors and \$22 for students. Running time is 120 minutes. Recommended for ages 13 and up "due to mature situations."

#### THE STOKED SHOW

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.

[TheSTOKEDShow.com](http://TheSTOKEDShow.com)

Comedy hypnotist **Terry Stokes'** popular name-your-price family-friendly hypnosis show. Approximately 50 minutes.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

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[TheSTOKEDShow.com](http://TheSTOKEDShow.com)

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

#### ACT4MURDER'S "A MEDLEY FOR MURDER"

Redd's Fueling Station, Santa Rosa Beach, 6:30 p.m.

[Act4Murder.com](http://Act4Murder.com)



**Paula Hilton** and the gang return to 30A with their hilarious (and deadly) take on TV singing competitions. Cost is \$48 for dinner and show. With **Joe Chase, Cynthia Bergquist, Sally Whitesell, David Smith, Susan DeJesus** and *Beachcomber* Editor **Chris Manson**, who highly recommends this show.

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#### HYPNOSIS GONE WILD – ADULT COMEDY SHOW

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 9:30 p.m.

[TheSTOKEDShow.com](http://TheSTOKEDShow.com)

Comedy hypnotist **Terry Stokes** brings you

the adult version of his popular *The Stoked Show*, a 50-minute interactive audience participation show. Tickets are \$20 each.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

#### EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE"

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 2 p.m.

[EmeraldCoastTheatre.org](http://EmeraldCoastTheatre.org)

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$26 for seniors and \$22 for students. Recommended for ages 13 and up "due to mature situations."

#### HYPNOSIS GONE WILD – ADULT COMEDY SHOW

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 9:30 p.m.

[TheSTOKEDShow.com](http://TheSTOKEDShow.com)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27

#### THE STOKED SHOW

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.

[TheSTOKEDShow.com](http://TheSTOKEDShow.com)

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

#### EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE"

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#### THE STOKED SHOW

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.

[TheSTOKEDShow.com](http://TheSTOKEDShow.com)

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

#### ACT4MURDER'S "KILLER IN THE KITCHEN"

La Paz, Destin, 7 p.m.

[Act4Murder.com](http://Act4Murder.com)

**Paula Hilton** and the gang get hot and messy with a hilarious (and deadly) take on TV cooking competitions. Cost is \$34.95 for dinner and show. With **Joe Chase, Sally Whitesell, David Smith, Kay Yarbrough, Missy Rogers** and *Beachcomber* Editor **Chris Manson**, who highly recommends this show.

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#### THE STOKED SHOW

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.

[TheSTOKEDShow.com](http://TheSTOKEDShow.com)

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

#### ACT4MURDER'S "KILLER IN THE KITCHEN"

Samuel's Roadhouse, Crestview, 6 p.m.

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**SUNDAY, OCT. 1**

**EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE"**

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 2 p.m.

**EmeraldCoastTheatre.org**

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**HYPNOSIS GONE WILD – ADULT COMEDY SHOW**

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 9:30 p.m.

**TheSTOKEDShow.com**

**MONDAY, OCT. 2**

**PIRATE SHOW WITH CAPT. DAVY AND THE CROSSBONES CREW**

Al's Beach Club, Okaloosa Island, 5-9 p.m.

**ALsBeachClub.com**

FREE for scallywags of all ages.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4**

**THE STOKED SHOW**

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.

**TheSTOKEDShow.com**



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# Preparing for Deer Season

*By Jenna Kaye Taylor  
Photos by Hunter Forbes*

**With deer season** quickly approaching, we must get our minds focused on hunting again. Those early mornings and long days of hunting, hopefully followed by late nights tracking deer. There are numerous things that a hunter does to prepare for deer season, varying from person to person.

Ensure that you have the correct licenses and check the hunting regulations in your area. What your preparations consist of also depends on whether you're hunting private or public land. This to-do list can help, whether you're a seasoned hunter or trying it out for the first time.

## **FLORIDA SEASON DATES**

To check your zone's 2018 season dates in Florida, visit <http://myfwc.com/hunting/season-dates/zone-map>.

## **ALABAMA SEASON DATES**

To check your zone's 2018 season dates in Alabama, visit <http://www.outdooralabama.com/deer-season-zone-map>.

## **SCOUTING**

First things first. Whether you will be hunting public or private land, you must do some scouting before season opener. I recommend only scouting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Even if you've been hunting the same land for years, it's always good to get your feet on the ground and do some walking to check deer sign and locate bedding areas. Look for thick cover, deer tracks, water and food sources. This will help you in choosing your stand locations.

**RUNNING/CHECKING TRAIL CAMERAS**

This is a good way to scout your property or public property that you may be hunting. Ensure that you have a good lock box on your camera if you're hunting public land. After you've found good deer sign in the area, put up your trail cameras. Before the season opens, I would recommend checking them every 10 to 14 days.

You don't want to be in the woods too much. The less pressure on the deer herd, the better. Keep in mind that you can also purchase a mobile trail camera that sends the photos to your phone in real time so you don't have to physically check it as often.

After you've set up your trail cameras, move them as needed. If you're only getting nighttime photos, move the cameras closer to the bedding area to try and get them in daylight.

**CHOOSING STAND LOCATIONS/CHECKING OLD STANDS**

At this point, you should have your scouting done and a good idea of where you'd like to place your stands or climber when you go hunting. You want to have good cover so you don't get busted, as well as shooting lanes available to you. Set up your stand, sit in it and have a friend help you determine what needs to be cut. This is a good time to go in and check the straps on your old stands, screw in some hooks and bow hangers, etc.

**TUNING UP YOUR BOW/SIGHTING IN YOUR GUN**

A few weeks before you head to the woods, definitely grab your bow or gun and ensure they are sighted in. If you're archery hunting, take it to your local bow tech to paper tune and grab some new arrows/broadheads for the season. Sharp broadheads go a long way. Put out a target and start flinging a few arrows daily.

These are just a few major things that hunters should do to prepare themselves for the season ahead. You may also need to prepare food plots, clean up your hunting camp or apply for quota hunts. Every hunter is different and has different goals for their hunting season. Regardless, be safe, follow the rules and have fun!





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# Hot Yoga Om Brings Health and Healing to Downtown FWB

By Lauren Sage Reinlie

**On first glance**, the matte-black metal squares lining the ceiling of the yoga studio seem like a bit of industrial design. They give the place a warehouse feel.

But this is no architectural flourish. The panels actually radiate far infrared heat, a state-of-the-art technology that warms the bodies of the students at Hot Yoga Om in downtown Fort Walton Beach.

The studio, which opened in 2015, is one of the newer options for people interested in the benefits of hot yoga, a mind and body wellness trend that has swept across the nation and is now gathering traction in Northwest Florida.

“It combines the power and relaxation of yoga with those panels, which heat the body from the outside in,” says **Laura Tyree**, owner of Hot Yoga Om and the longstanding Dragonfly Yoga studio nearby. “That’s a recipe for healing if I’ve ever heard one.”

Some hot yoga studios use regular space heaters to crank up the temperature, heating the air and

creating stuffy, muggy rooms. At Hot Yoga Om, humidity is kept really low, around 20 to 30 percent, and the panels make the body feel like it’s getting warmed by the sun, instead of standing in front of a radiator.

“You can definitely tell the difference immediately,” says **Paris Hollnagel**, one of the studio’s instructors who began teaching one class to try it out, but quickly became devoted to the practice and now teaches five times a week.

The far infrared heat travels three inches into the skin, warming muscles and tissues and increasing blood flow. The reported therapeutic and health benefits are wide-ranging—it can help your heart and blood pressure, immune system, arthritis, diabetes, pain, sleep, skin, weight management and even with reducing risk of and healing from cancer.

The heat also gets the body warmed up faster, so those looking to increase strength or flexibility can reach those points quicker.

“Once you come to a hot yoga class, it’s very impactful,” says Hollnagel.



“Even if you’re not moving very fast, the heat is doing some of the work. You can just relax into it. You leave feeling so energized.”

Eight teachers offer classes at Hot Yoga Om in a variety of styles and heat levels. Classes range from 95 to 105 degrees. Devoted students and

newcomers travel from all across Northwest Florida to attend and the studio has developed a strong community.

Before a recent class, students greeted each other in the lobby, which features a changing room and water station. They talked about developments in their lives and how they were feeling that day.

**Tiffany Moore** says that sense of community is one of the reasons she drives in from Navarre to attend classes. She has also noticed improvements in her running endurance, a boost in her mood and feeling more centered and balanced.

“It literally transformed my life when I started going on a regular basis,” she says.

It’s this type of overall mental and physical health and supportive community that owner Tyree seeks to bring to people in Northwest Florida, whether through her yoga classes and yoga teacher training at Dragonfly Yoga, the far infrared heat therapy at Hot Yoga Om, or her massage and deep-healing practices.

“I feel like it’s my job on this planet and in this community to help people heal,” she says.

To learn more about Hot Yoga Om or to sign up for classes, visit [hotyogaom.com](http://hotyogaom.com).



# To HOA or Not to HOA... A Real Estate Question

This issue, **Jerry Sullivan** with Century 21 Blue Marlin takes on the topic of homeowners' associations (HOAs).

Sullivan has been involved in commercial and residential real estate for over 14 years, including management, construction and ownership of a successful real estate company right here on the Emerald Coast.

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By Jerry Sullivan, Century 21 Blue Marlin Real Estate

When you start the process to purchase a condominium, townhouse or another type of property in a planned development such as a gated community, you are often obligated to join that community's homeowners' association (HOA) and pay monthly or annual HOA fees for the upkeep of common areas and the building.

At Century 21 Blue Marlin, we have been in tune with these organizations and have some light to shed on their influence on you as an owner.

Living in a home that is a part of an HOA means that the association gets to determine the acceptable appearance for your home. The paint color, where you park your car, how often you landscape or mow your lawn, and how you decorate your home's exterior for the holidays may all be scrutinized by the HOA.

If all of these rules seem reasonable to you and are in line with how you are likely to maintain your home anyway, this community may be right for you. If not, you may want to consider other housing options.

Love thy neighbor? One advantage of an HOA is mediating disputes between neighbors. The association will contact a neighbor about a noisy dog or loud party, alleviating awkward neighborly interactions. And there may very well be a rule about noise levels after hours that the association will be able to enforce.

You won't spend your Saturdays cleaning the pools with an HOA. HOA homeowners handle the upkeep of recreational areas, so the pool and tennis courts in a neighborhood are likely to be maintained in a good condition.

At the end of the day, the decision to purchase a home with an HOA versus one that does not all comes down to personal preference. Many homeowners appreciate that HOA rules often help maintain higher standards for a neighborhood's appearance, but there's no question that you need to understand the regulations and costs in every community where you're considering buying a home.

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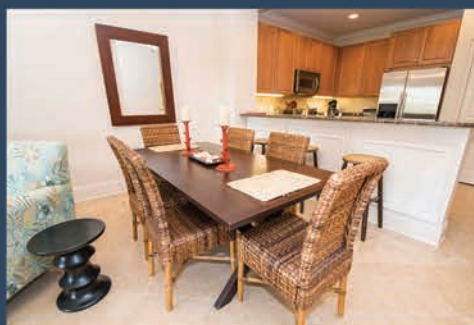
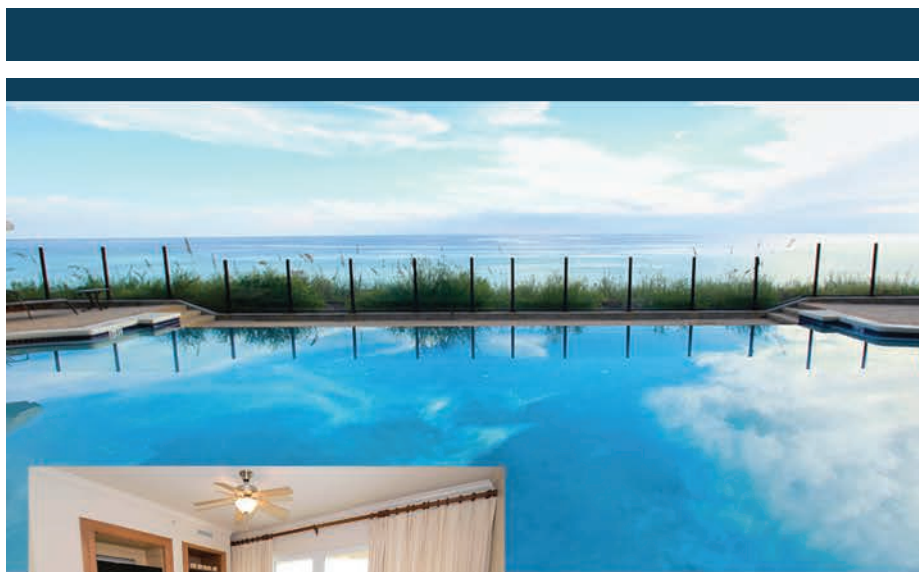
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# Hearty, Family-Friendly Meals at Gug's Ciao Italia Bistro

Somewhere between waving goodbye to the departing summer tourists and saying hello to the pre-hurricane lines at the grocery stores, there lies a little season of calm. An evening drive into the heart of Destin to dine out is an option, not a punchline. If the prospect needed any sweetening, it was the temporary suspension of bridge tolls. My family and I recently traveled across Mid-Bay Bridge for dinner at Guglielmo Ianni's newest restaurant, **Ciao Italia Bistro**.

Ciao Italia sits on a corner overlooking U.S. 98 East, easily visible from the road. The restaurant is spacious, with plenty of windows, indoor and outdoor seating. The dining room is an elongated rectangle, with a bar/lounge (and piano) a semi-private dining area, and tables for small and large parties. The walls are decorated with photos, mirrors, posters, and stills from classic gangster films. There are plants, wood and brick accents, and sturdy tables and chairs. The settings are solid and substantial – grownup glassware, good cloth napkins, serviceable silverware.

The hostess and server greeted us warmly. My daughter Grace did the ambassadorial duties, which consisted of telling everything she'd done since breakfast.

Once seated, we took a look at the menu, and our server (Becky) told us about some daily specials, which are also listed on a chalkboard at the entrance, including a family-style meal option. The menu offers

appetizers, salads, classic pasta, homemade pasta, meat courses, fish, and a children's menu.

Fried calamari is my and my wife's default appetizer, and we hadn't had it in a while, so we ordered a plate, with marinara sauce. Meantime, the server brought a plate of hot, crusty and chewy rolls, with herb and olive oil dip, plus butter. Grace tore into those—though she loved calamari as an unquestioning toddler, she declines it now.

The squid arrived; there was plenty for sharing. There's a mixture of thick rings and tender little tentacles, with a full pitcher of warm marinara. Hot and crunchy on the outside, and tender on the inside. Grace didn't seem to mind my eating her share, and some of her mom's as well.

Other starters are fried ravioli, meatballs, bruschetta, shrimp or mussels diavola (spicy), caprese with tomato and basil, and hot wings. There are also salads—house, Caesar, Greek, and a soup of the day, and grilled chicken can be added to make a dinner salad.

I latched on to one of the daily specials—linguine pescatore (fisherman's style), and my wife chose chicken piccata. The calamari had been almost a dinner in itself, so I was figuring on to-go boxes. While we waited for our mains, I noticed the place was beginning to fill with later evening diners. There was a large table of family and friends at the other end of the restaurant—carafes



and bottles of wine, people laughing and enjoying themselves. There was a general sense of calm and serenity, even with a monster hurricane limbering up in the Atlantic.

The main courses arrived, generously portioned like the squid. My linguine came in a wide bowl, with a smaller bowl for shells. The pasta was mounded and laced with tender and chewy clams, scallops, shrimp, squid and chunks of fish, with a wine, garlic, onion and olive oil sauce that carried a touch of spicy heat. I ate it all without wanting any leftovers. My wife's chicken was served over angel hair pasta, the richness of the white wine and butter sauce balanced with lemon and piquant capers. My wife boxed up much of hers (it fed us both next day), to help leave room for dessert.

Other entree possibilities include spaghetti and meatballs, fettucine alfredo, spaghetti carbonara, rigatoni with sausage in vodka sauce, spaghetti puttanesca, ravioli, spaghetti amatriciana (with pancetta, red pepper and tomato), penne contadina (with broccoli, mushrooms, olives, artichokes and roasted peppers), manicotti, lasagna, linguine Bolognese, gnocchi, stuffed shells, eggplant or chicken parmigiana, linguine with clams, shrimp scampi, risotto pescatore, chicken marsala, saltimbocca, sorrentina or Romano, fried or baked fish and shellfish, and blackened salmon Nero.

The dessert menu offers bomba (gelati with cherry, almond cinnamon and chocolate), chocolate fondant (not

available that night), cheesecake, cannoli, and tiramisu. Grace and I split the tiramisu. Ciao Italia's version is classic, pillowy soft ladyfingers soaked with coffee liqueur and espresso, with mascarpone and a dusting of unsweetened cocoa. Grace liked the whipped cream, but this was her first taste of coffee and she needs more time to cultivate her palate. 'Til then, more for me.



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# Beer... It's What's for Dinner

By Joni Williams

**You can have** your beer and eat it, too.

Though there are a variety of ways to cook with beer that involve batter and a deep fryer—which is way too much mess for lazy cooks like ourselves—the recent Hurricane Irma-induced temperature crash reminded us fall (a/k/a football season) is almost here. It's the perfect time to break out the chili recipes. And, of course, the beer, too—perfect to go with chili, and in it.

In case you haven't heard, beer chili is the best. We grew up on the stuff and we aren't even from Texas, the state that's not only famous for its chili, but for adding a brewski to the pot. Pretty smart, those Texans. They know hops and malt can infuse a simmering chili

with some much-needed liquid to add a unique depth of flavor.

Though our fave has always been a meaty, beanless variety, we recently ventured outside our chili comfort zone and whipped up a couple of trendier versions using poultry and beans other than kidneys. So far the biggest crowd pleaser was our black bean and chipotle chili made with a hearty portion of ground turkey, fire roasted tomatoes, corn and chipotle peppers in adobo sauce.

Though we used a bottle of dark Guinness in our last batch, we're going to go with something lighter next time like Rogue's Dead Guy, a super flavorful, smooth tasting bock. Fortunately, with all the spice going on, it was really hard to mess up the end result. Though we were kind of



wishing we went with a lighter beer, our Guinness chili was still a big hit with our hungry recipe testers (also known as the fam) who gobbled it up without complaint.

Our adventure into turkey chili went so well, it got us to thinking—if turkey can sub for beef, why can't chicken? So we whipped up a chicken and white bean chili using a Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, one of our favorite go-to brews, using a little more than half a bottle for a small batch. Do we really have to explain what happened to the rest of it?

Though similar recipes call for sour cream to be mixed in the broth to give it a thick and creamy consistency, we found that unless it's eaten right away, it breaks down. Instead, we serve it on the side and thicken the chili broth by mashing some of the beans with liquid until it makes a kind of bean slurry. Believe it or not, this makes a creamy, gluten- and dairy-free base. As a bonus, using chicken breasts makes for a skinny chili, and all those saved calories can be used to wash it down with some guilt-free brews.

We know what you're thinking. That's all fine and dandy, but what about the taste? When slow-simmered with spice, broth and our pale ale that added depth of flavor without hijacking the spicy flavor, this turned out to be one of the tastiest chilis we've ever made. It paired exceptionally well with our cornbread donuts, perfect for dunking.

Speaking of cornbread, you can make an easy, no-fuss beer cornbread by replacing the water in a quick mix like Martha White's that doesn't require milk or eggs. Use a caramelly brew for a sweeter flavor or a spicy IPA for a more savory edge. And it doesn't need to be flat—the carbonation will actually help aerate the batter. Doctor it up even more by throwing in some chopped peppers, onions, cheese, chopped ham or cooked bacon.

Want to try cooking with beer but not sure what kind to throw in? An easy way to start is with a common everyday beer. We're talking anything from Anheuser Busch, Miller or even a PBR. If you're looking for dark, try a Mich or Guinness.

On the other hand, cooking with beer is the perfect way to make good use of those brews in your fridge you've been avoiding. The beer you don't like to drink might be one you love to eat. Got a dunkel that's way too earthy? Pour some in stews, beefy soups, bread dough or chocolate cake batter for extra depth of flavor. Or maybe it's a sugary sweet pumpkin, pecan or other ale that makes your tongue curl.

Chances are good the intense flavor is just what the cake doctor ordered to liven up a ho-hum baked good from a mix. This also works with sweet breads, muffins, and even pies. Because, really, why should rum and whiskey have all the fun?



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**the Singing Bartender** sings as she bartends, hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit [www.reddsfuel.com](http://www.reddsfuel.com) and find **Redd's Pub N Song** on Facebook.

## ECLECTIC

**CAFÉ THIRTY-A** Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

**THE RED BAR** The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. [www.theredbar.com](http://www.theredbar.com).

**VIN'TIJ** Wine boutique and bistro. Wonderful food, service and a.m.sphere. Great approach to wine service offering Flight or tasters of unique varietals. Open daily for lunch or dinner plus a well stocked retail wine shop. \$5-19, 10859 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-9820.

## GERMAN/AMERICAN

**FOKKERS PUB** German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

## HEALTHY DINING

**GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH** Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida

# Black Pearl Hosts Yoga Brunch Sept. 23

Your two favorite things are about to come together... Yoga and brunch.

On Saturday, **Sept. 23**, the **Black Pearl Island Grill** hosts Okaloosa Island's first Yoga Brunch. Zen out with a 60-minute beachfront Yoga session behind the Boardwalk with **Rebecca Austin** from Yoga on the Island. Then treat yourself to a delicious Gulf-front brunch (and complimentary bubbles) from the Black Pearl.

Brunch items include veggie quiche, traditional Eggs Benedict, or a

Fruit-of-the-Day Bread Pudding French Toast, plus a complimentary mimosa. Cost is \$35 per person and includes Yoga session and brunch.

It is suggested you leave your Yoga mat at home and bring a towel, blanket or sheet instead. Only 50 spots are available and preregistration is required.

Register and learn more at **www.blackpearlislandgrill.com/yogabrunch**.

- Jordan Hicks

## Gulf Place Welcomes New Party Store

### SHUNK GULLEY

#### LIQUOR & WINE

**Shunk Gulley Liquor and Wine** store is now open in the heart of Gulf Place in Santa Rosa Beach. Featuring familiar brands such as Jack Daniel's, Blue Chair Bay Rum and Abita Beer, this new go-to package store will also carry a diverse wine selection and all of the extras you need for your next party or trip to the beach.

The liquor store is located just 600 feet from the Ed Walline Beach Access on County Highway 393 and Scenic Highway 30A. With the addition of an ice machine, the convenience of beachgoers having a place they can walk up to and pack their coolers with their beverage purchases is a major appeal of Shunk Gulley Liquor and Wine.

"We want to be able to offer a carefully selected variety of popular items," says Shunk Gully Manager **Kerri St. Peter**. "When customers come

in, we want to make sure they know we're here to help them find what they need. Our staff has extensive knowledge of everything we carry and can help you select the perfect items customized to your needs."

Shunk Gulley Liquor and Wine is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Learn more at **ShunkGulleyLiquor.com**.

In addition to Shunk Gulley Liquor and Wine, the same ownership has announced Shunk Gulley Oyster Bar—a new restaurant featuring classic coastal cuisine, stunning views and authentic Southern hospitality—will open in October at the corner of County Road 393 and Scenic Highway 30A, just across the street from Gulf Place. The new restaurant promises to create an atmosphere unlike anywhere else in South Walton.

- Chelsea Atkinson Blaich

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sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 a.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, **georgesatalsbeach.net**.

### IRISH

**JOHNNY MCTIGHE'S** Ireland on Scenic 30-A, a unique outpost of food and drink in Santa Rosa Beach. McTighe's opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. the next day. In between, the all-day menu offers an Irish grand slam of a breakfast, fish and chips, wings, pizza, and an array of hearty sandwiches, including Irish reuben, Philly cheese steak, burgers, chicken and hot dogs. There's even Maine lobster bisque. Full bar, \$4 - 21. 2298 Scenic Highway 30-A West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-0101. **www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com**.

### ITALIAN

**SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY FRIDAY NIGHT PASTA** Open to the public, 5-7 p.m. Spaghetti with meatballs, sausage or meatless. Weekly specials and takeouts available. All dinners complete with salad and garlic bread. Hall rental available. Major credit cards accepted. Located at 808 South Drive in Fort Walton Beach, right off Racetrack Road behind Big Lots.

**TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO** Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy—beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 p.m. 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

### LATIN / MEXICAN

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA** Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. **www.CrabIslandCantina.com**.

**LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR** Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy \$7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, **lacocina30a.net**.

**LA PAZ** offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. **www.lapazdestin.com**.

**PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL** An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. **www.mypepitos.com**.

### PIZZA & PASTA

**LANDSHARK'S PIZZA** Daily happy hour, 3-6 p.m. and full liquor bar plus award-winning pizza and wings. 360 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-6743. **www.LandsharksPizza.com**.

**MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY** Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

**REDBRICK PIZZA** Fresh fire-roasted pizzas, phazani sandwiches and gourmet Italian gelato Ice cream. We use only Qualita superior Italian cheeses and premium ingredients. Savor the passion of a century-old Italian tradition. Locations are Destin Commons next to Rave Motion Pictures, 850-424-5990; and Pier Park, Panama City Beach, 850-236-1413. Hours are Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### SEAFOOD

**THE BACK PORCH** Experience open air dining with the best view of the Gulf of Mexico. Serving grouper, oysters, fried crab claws and our famous char-grilled amberjack. Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 1740 Old Highway 98 East, Destin. On U.S. 98 across from the Track, turn at the Hampton Inn, drive about 1/4 mile, and you'll find us on the right side. **www.theback-porch.com**. 850-837-2022.

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF** A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

**GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL** Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 a.m.-9 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 p.m. 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. **info@emeraldgrande.com**.

**HARBOR DOCKS** on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. **harbordocks.com**.

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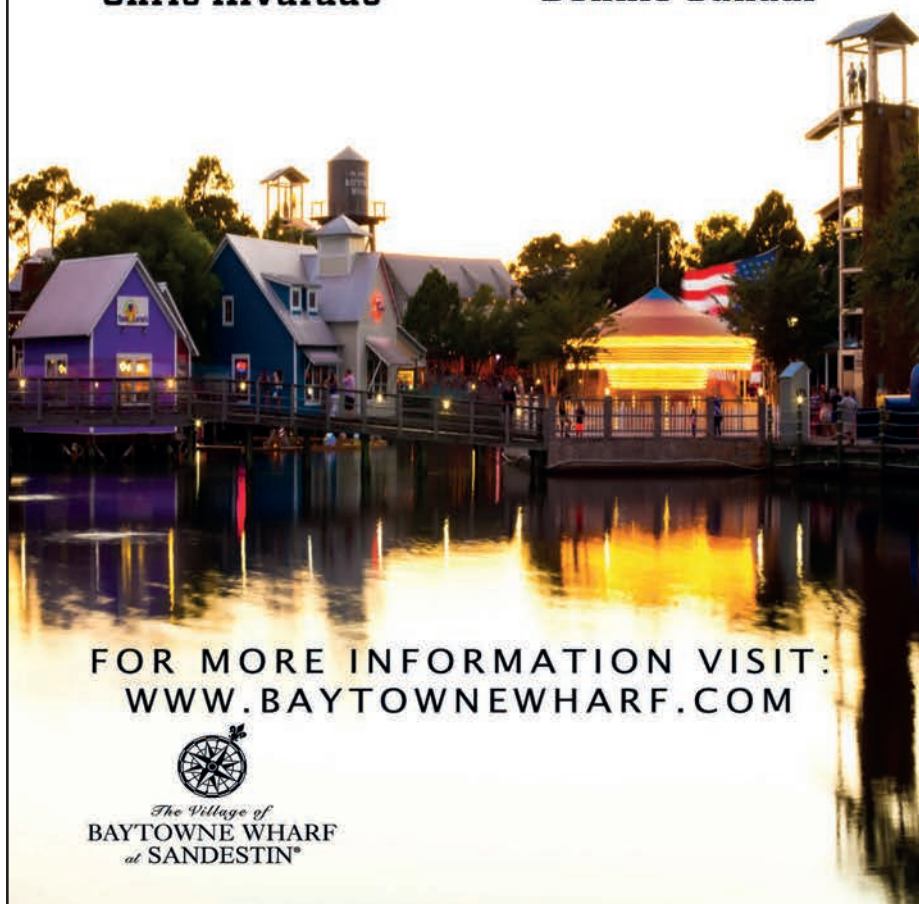
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# Bartender of the Issue



## Mikey Seevers

*Harbor Docks, Destin*

Mikey has been at Harbor Docks since 1984. At age 19, he started working at the legendary Destin restaurant. Initially he collected money at the front door, but soon found his home behind the bar, where he's been for the last 33 years.

"A girl that was working here couldn't show up for work one day, and I was outside working taking money at the door. They said, 'Can you bartend?' I said, 'Yeah, I'm not good at it, but I can do it.' So they stuck me in there and I've been behind the bar ever since," says Mikey.

His signature drink is the Mike-A-Rita. Named after him 18 years ago, the bartender's take on a margarita has become a Harbor Docks staple. "I made it the way I liked to drink it, the way I thought it should taste," Mikey says. "Locals knew about it before it was on the menu. People just started calling it the Mike-A-Rita or Mikey-Rita. Then I came to work one day and it was on the menu."

Some people may wonder what has made Seevers stay at the same job for over three decades. "What has brought me back to work every day to this place is the locals, the atmosphere, the people that I've met along the way that have become really good friends, almost like family. It's Jimmy Patzig and Steve Sauer sitting there having their fun little banter with each other. That kind of stuff has kept me coming back forever."

Mikey has left his mark on Harbor Docks, figuratively and literally. If you look closely, you can find the bartender's handprint permanently indented into the bar. He says it simply happened after spending so many years behind that bar, from shucking oysters back in the day to leaning against it for hours while talking to customers.

He has three children—Jordan, Lauren and Jonah—and a Blue Pitbull named Lily that he describes as the "sweetest dog ever." When he isn't behind the bar at Harbor Docks, Mikey enjoys surfing, fishing and hunting.

- Caroline Haney

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entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. [info@harryts.co](mailto:info@harryts.co).

**LOCAL CATCH** has established itself as a Hot Spot for fresh coastal cuisine with superior customer service. Dine in daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and enjoy Happy Hour Mon.-Fri., 3-5 p.m. Join us every Sunday for live music from 3 to 7 p.m. 3711 West Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-2022. [www.localcatch30a.com](http://www.localcatch30a.com).

**OLD BAY STEAMER** Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. \$4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd., Okaloosa Island, 664-2795.

**ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK** Located on the water. The Crab Shack serves crab, shrimp, oysters, mussels, scallops and assorted local fish in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere. Crab steamer buckets, fried seafood baskets, sandwiches and po-boys, and some land-based items. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Daily specials, inside and outside dining. Full bar. \$3-45. 104 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. 850-664-0345.

**POMPANO JOE'S** Come on in for some fun and fresh seafood with a very exciting flavor. Try our famous reggae rolls and our garlic crusted grouper! Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 2237 Scenic Gulf Highway, Destin. Take Holiday Road South, turn right on scenic Hwy. 98, drive down about two blocks, and you'll find us on the left side. [www.pompano-joes.com](http://www.pompano-joes.com). 850-837-2224.

**SALTWATER GRILL** We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers' dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a 25,000-gallon aquarium filled with exotic fish. Become mesmerized by the soothing sounds of **Michael Rorah**, our singing pianist, who plays Tuesday through Saturday evenings. Lobsters available for viewing and choosing at the front of the restaurant. Open 4-10 p.m. 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, [saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://saltwatergrillpcb.com).

**STINKY'S FISH CAMP** Seafood is king at this informal Santa Rosa Beach eatery. Oysters "all ways," crawfish pie, catfish or frog legs meuniere, and gumbo are just a few of the Louisiana-inspired dishes. Service is friendly and attentive. Open daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Serving brunch on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beer, wine and live music at Stinky's Bait Shack from 6 to 9 p.m. 5960 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3053.

## STEAKS

**MCGUIRE'S IRISH PUB OF DESTIN** One of America's Great Steak Houses. Feasting, Imbibery and Debauchery. We are known for great food, exceptional service, our own craft brewed beers, and fun live entertainment. Open LATE, from 11 a.m. to 1:45 a.m. seven days a week. 33 U.S. 98, Destin, 850-650-0000, [www.mcguiresirishpub.com](http://www.mcguiresirishpub.com).

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE** serves the finest aged, corn-fed USDA Prime beef. Broiled in a trademark 1,800° broiler and served on a plate heated to 500 degrees, your steak is presented sizzling hot at your table. Happy hour daily from 5 to 7 p.m. in any of our three bars, including the new East Bar. We boast an array of private event spaces, our own private billiard room, valet parking, and live entertainment five nights a week from *Billboard*-charting recording artist Michael J Thomas (upon availability). Open seven days a week at 5 p.m. For reservations, call 850-837-RUTH (7884) or visit [www.RuthsChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthsChrisDestin.com).

**SALTWATER GRILL** Open 4-10 p.m. 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, [saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://saltwatergrillpcb.com).

**SEAGAR'S PRIME STEAKS & SEAFOOD** The area's first AAA 4-Diamond restaurant specializing in the finest prime beef and freshest seafood available. Private dining facilities and wine room with more than 800 labels. Features tableside preparations and live piano nightly. Reservations recommended. 622-1500. \$10-50, 4000 Sandestin Blvd., at the Hilton Sandestin. [www.SeagarsDestin.com](http://www.SeagarsDestin.com)

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**OSAKA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SUSHI BAR** 34745 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-4688.

**OSAKA SUSHI ROCKS** It's the little Sushi house on the Lagoon. Osaka Sushi Rocks offers an extensive list of sushi, sashimi, and rolls, both classic and regional specialties. Friendly, serene atmosphere. Tempura, noodles and teriyaki favorites also available. Wine and beer. \$4-50. 108 Cannery Lane, Village of Baytowne Wharf, 351-1006.

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## TAPAS AND WINE

**LA CREMA TAPAS AND CHOCOLATE** Spanish-inspired tapas restaurant featuring unique tapas and Spanish wines. The European vibe provides a relaxing atmosphere where we encourage guests to share dishes, converse and enjoy Rosemary Beach living. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. 38 Main St., Rosemary Beach, 850-624-7282, [lacrematapas.com](http://lacrematapas.com).

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**FUDPUCKER’S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL – OKALOOSA ISLAND** Find out why Fud-pucker’s is #1 for Food and Fun. Fud’s has offered great food, live alligators and world famous t-shirts since 1982, and our waterfront location across from the Ramada Plaza has it all—**Fat Daddy’s Arcade, Escape Zone 60, Maximum Magic Dinner Show** and **Fudpucker’s Watersports** where you can rent a jet ski, paddleboard or pontoon boat. You’ll also find charter boats, the “Puc Dat” airboat and the Cattywampus Catamaran on our docks at Bay-side Marina. 1318 Miracle Strip Parkway. Call 850-243-3833 or visit us at [www.fudpucker.com](http://www.fudpucker.com).

**JIMMY BUFFETT’S MARGARITAVILLE** From a volcano flowing with Margaritas to suspended airplanes, Margaritaville is more than a restaurant; it’s a state of mind. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Five O’Clock Somewhere celebration Mon.-Thu., 4-7 p.m. 76 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-7700. [www.margaritavilledestin.com](http://www.margaritavilledestin.com).

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S DESTIN** is located next to the Mid Bay Bridge and Legendary Marine on the Choctawhatchee Bay in beautiful Destin, Florida. A little off the beaten path, but we like a little more room to breathe. Specializing in the BEST Burgers in Paradise, Southern Favorites and Lucy’s own GUMBO LOVE! Family friendly! Come by boat, anchor and wade in or call for our boat shuttle. Open daily at 11 a.m. Live music nightly. Separate allergy menu. Beach for the kids to play, Fountain of Youth, LuLu’s Gift Shop. 850-710-LULU (5858). [www.lulubuffett.com/destin](http://www.lulubuffett.com/destin).

**VUE ON 30A** showcases one of the best views for dining in all of South Walton. Open to the public and serving lunch, dinner, happy hour and Sunday brunch. Named “Best Restaurant

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# Where to Spend Your Happy Hours in Beachcomberland

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**THE BEACH HOUSE**  
4009 S. Sandestin Blvd., Miramar Beach  
850-608-6300  
**RelaxDrinkEat.com**  
**When:** 4-7 p.m. daily.  
**Drink Specials:** \$4 house wine, \$3 well drinks, \$2 off select apps, and \$1 off all draft beers.

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA**  
HarborWalk Village, Destin  
850-424-7417  
**When:** Everyday from 3 to 6 p.m.  
**Drink Specials:** \$4 house margaritas, \$3 well drinks and house wine, \$3 Corona, Corona Light, Bud Light and Miller Lite.

**CAMILLE’S CAFE**  
2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin  
850-337-8860  
**When:** 3-5 p.m. daily.  
**Drink Specials:** Lots, including Camille’s Signature Sangria. Plus a stunning view of the Gulf.

**FISHHEADS**  
HarborWalk Village, Destin  
**When:** 6-8 p.m. daily.  
**Drink Specials:** \$1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

**FOKKER’S PUB**  
215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1, Fort Walton Beach  
850-244-6666  
**When:** 3-7 p.m. daily; 3 p.m.-close Tuesdays.  
**Drink Specials:** Everything half price except Bushwhackers and high end bourbons.

**45 CENTRAL WINE BAR**  
45 Central Square, Seaside  
850-231-4545  
**fortyfivecentral.com**  
**When:** 4-6 p.m. daily. Paella nights Wednesdays and Fridays.  
**Drink Specials:** Half off wine by the glass, \$1 off beer.

**FUDPUCKER’S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL**  
20001 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin  
850-654-4200  
**When:** All day long.  
**Drink Specials:** Smirnoff martinis \$4.99 all day every day. World Famous Fudpucker Punch \$5.99, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily deals with download of the Fud app.

**FUDPUCKER’S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL**  
1318 Miracle Strip Parkway, Okaloosa Island  
**When:** All day long.  
**Drink Specials:** Smirnoff martinis \$4.99 all day every day. World Famous Fudpucker Punch \$5.99, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily deals with download of the Fud app.

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**When:** Seven days a week, 3-6 p.m.  
**Drink Specials:** \$5 house wine and discounts on well and call liquor and beer, plus up to 20 percent off select bar menu pricing.

# Rock Talk



Editor Manson found the lovely (and damn inspiring) painted rock pictured above at the Publix Supermarket on Racetrack Road in Fort Walton Beach and decided he had to get to the bottom of the Okaloosa Rocks phenomenon.

**Amy Huwa of Okaloosa Rocks writes:**

I'm from Oak Harbor, Washington. While I was there, I participated in Whidbey Island Rocks. We're a Navy family, so we got orders at Eglin and had to move.

We moved here in October 2016, and when we got here my husband noticed I was having a hard time. He asked me what I missed most about home. I said I missed the rock page. He said the only way I'm going to get to have a rock page here is if I start one.

So I started researching, and at the time there were no rock pages in the area. That's how Okaloosa Rocks was born. I didn't think it would grow to be

this big—I'm grateful, and I love the page.

I try to keep it as positive and encouraging as I can. I'm not an artist—I was horrible at painting



rocks, but my enthusiasm made up for it. I've definitely gotten better at painting, but I think that I've grown so much as a person from this experience. My heart is happy when I hear how people love the page, and that it makes them happy, too.



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7pm: Live Concert  
9pm: Adult Costume Contest & FIREWORKS  
SUNDAY 2pm: Kids Costume Contest & Trick-or-Treat  
4pm: Pets Costume Contest

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